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# The Vale's memorial to the Glamorgan Yeomanry

**THE phrase 'sprightly' fails to do justice to Llandow man Tudor Phillips, late of 104 Regiment Royal Artillery.**

Mr Phillips telephoned The GEM with the often-used words "I may have a story for you", and he was – one hopes the Nine-Mile Snipers will approve of the pun – bang on target.

Along the A48 a couple of miles outside Cowbridge is the Bryn Owain pub, which is the closest landmark.

More visible, but only just, when heading west through the trees is an obelisk almost 40-foot high; it is a blink-and-you'll-miss-it site.

We arranged to meet in the pub's car park, drove – a 4X4 is best – a quarter of a mile or so up what is reputedly a Roman road and parked, donned Wellingtons and traipsed across the common to the obelisk, which is a memorial to the Glamorgan Yeomanry.

In 1793, the prime minister, William Pitt the Younger, proposed that the English Counties form a force of volunteer yeoman cavalry, equivalent to the Territorials formed in 1907, and the Reserves of today

The Glamorgan Yeomanry, like so many other regiments, was raised to deal with our friends across *la manche* before the *entente* was so *cordiale* and before (twice now) we helped remove forces that had invaded France.

The memorial, erected and dedicated in 1922, bears the inscription:

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FRANCE AND FLANDERS
SOMME AND BAPAUME 1918"

Some 22 of the regiment fell, including six officers, during The Great War.

Some of the fallen rest in Wales, some even in graveyards in Cornelly, Nottage, and Coity. Others lie where they died, in France, Belgium, Cairo, in Jerusalem. One of those at rest in Jerusalem is Major Richard Maunsell Prichard, whose parents lived in Bridgend, and there is a plaque (top) to him in St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle in Bridgend.

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# Cowbridge poet wins £5,000 prize

**JOHN Freeman from Trerhyngyll near Cowbridge in the Vale has won the first prize of £5,000 in this year's Bridport Prize poetry competition, for his poem *Exhibition*.**

The winning poem was selected from over 5,300 entries by poetry judge Daljit Nagra who said it was "A highly accomplished and beautiful poem that's edged between joy and perhaps something more foreboding.."

Originally from Essex, Mr Freeman taught for many years at Cardiff University. He grew up in London and has also lived in Yorkshire.

His most recent books are *What Possessed Me* (Worple Press), and *Strata Smith and the Anthropocene* (Knives Forks and Spoons Press), both published in 2016.

Earlier collections include *A Suite for Summer* (Worple), and White Wings: *New and Selected Prose Poems* (Contraband Books).

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***It has been a good 12 months for local poet John Freeman. Last November, John dropped into The GEM offices with his wife Vivien shortly after winning the Roland Matthias Poetry Prize in Cardiff.***

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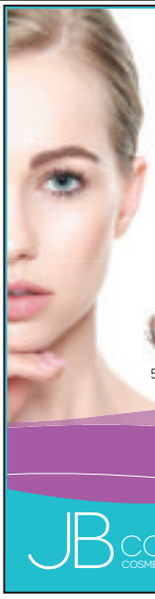

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## 'Has fly-tipping increased?'

**A VERY interesting letter appeared in last week's GEM: 'How to prove whose black bag is whose.'**

I recently observed people putting the contents of their black bags into the kerbside litter bins.

I have seen black bags mysteriously appearing in numbers exceeding two on street corners and outside innocent homeowners' houses, then witnessed warning stickers placed on some of these bags.

At the waste bin in the picnic area of Five Mile Lane, I saw a man empty a bag of glass jars or bottles into the bin and then drive off.

I saw a lady stop her car at a dog mess bin and proceed to take rubbish from her car which could easily have been put out for recycling.

The same dog mess bin recently overflowed with recyclable items, which became an immediate target for feathered scavengers and ended up strewn all over the path.

Thankfully, within about half an hour, a very efficient council operative arrived to tidy the mess up.

This indiscriminate dumping of waste is nothing more than advanced fly-tipping.

It must be costing the taxpayer quite a lot and is probably costing more than collecting more than the two black bags per fortnight from the homes of residents.

Cllr Geoff Cox maintained that the recycling had gone up by 29 per cent in the first week of the new system coming into operation, and he made his statement within five days of the system's implementation – one wonders how he arrived at the figure in such short time.

Are we now on the threshold of a new wave of fly tipping? We shall have to keep an eye on it to see how things develop.

**Barrie V Evans, Barry First Group**.

## Resident's plea for polite parking

**I'D be grateful if local parents could ensure that they don't obstruct driveways or take up spaces needed by the residents of Carew Close, Barry when they pick up their children from the local school.**

The mornings are not too bad but at 3pm there are lots of cars, some in front of people's drives. We have had occasions when our own visitors have not been able to park.

**Name and address supplied.**

## 'Fireworks triggered PTSD flashbacks'

**TO the people who reside in Pencoedtre, Barry (though I doubt it was just people living near me):**

Thank you very much for triggering my PTSD with your constant barrage of fireworks over the weekend.

I am now an absolute wreck.

What is wrong with just going to one of the excellent organised displays?

My dog is a mess as well.

**Name and address supplied.**

## A veteran's concern over NI investigations

**I AM a Forces veteran living in the Vale, and I am saddened by the ongoing historical investigations into Armed Forces veterans.**

This is a totally one-sided investigation against many elderly people who served their country in very difficult circumstances.

I was pleased to read the letter sent to the Prime Minister recently, by a number of decent and brave MPs, however I am disappointed that our MP Alun Cairns was not a signatory.

I have emailed him twice, yet have had no reply. I would like to include my letter here:

*Dear Mr Cairns,*

*I am a Forces veteran, an Operation Banner veteran and also a Conservative party supporter for all of my adult life.*

*I am very concerned and upset about all of the historical investigations that are still being pursued by the government. This is totally one sided, the different paramilitary groups have gotten away scot free, while our men are being pursued to their deaths. Your Government should hang your heads in shame.*

*I have a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister today by a number of brave and decent politicians, yet I do not see your name attached to this letter.*

*Your constituency has a long and proud history of Armed Forces involvement, indeed there are many Armed Forces veterans living in the Vale of Glamorgan. Could you please confirm to me that you are in support of this letter to Mrs May? And also that you will do all within your power to have these vexatious investigations terminated.*

*Yours sincerely Tim Barber (ex Sgt).*

**Tim Barber, Barry.**

**The GEM contacted Mr Cairns for comment. His staff forwarded the response Mr Cairns made to Mr Barber.**

*Dear Tim,*

*Thank you for taking the time to contact me. Please be aware my office receives around 500 emails a day therefore it does take time to process all correspondence. I aim to respond within 2-3 weeks which you should have been informed of in a bounceback email – I do apologise if you did not receive this.*

*As you may be aware, as Secretary of State it would not be appropriate for me to sign a letter to the Prime Minister as this would breach the Ministerial code. However, I completely understand your points and appreciate your strength of feeling on this matter - it is only due to the courageous efforts of our security forces that we have the relative peace and stability that Northern Ireland enjoys today.*

*To be clear, although there has been an increased amount of coverage about Operation Banner, it is important to say that this is not a new investigation. Police investigations are currently a matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), who act independently of Government. There is a department for prosecutions, a criminal process to go through and a police service that must be allowed to pursue its inquiries. As I am sure you will appreciate, I cannot therefore comment on any individual case.*

*That said, the reality is that for too many people the legacy of The Troubles continues to cast a dark shadow over the present.*

*There is a widespread view that the current system of investigations in Northern Ireland is not working for anyone, not for soldiers, not for police officers and not for victims (a group which includes many soldiers and police officers as well). I am concerned with the view you have already cited, that investigations focus disproportionately on former police officers and soldiers. This is clearly wrong and does not reflect the fact that the overwhelming majority of those who served did so with great bravery and distinction and compiled fully with the law.*

*Ninety per cent of the victims of The Troubles were as a consequence of terrorist interventions, so it vitally important that these cases are examined in a proportionate way.*

*This is why the Northern Ireland Secretary, Karen Bradley, set forward a consultation, which included a set of proposals, as agreed in the 2014 Stormont House Agreement, which propose a way forward to address the legacy of the past.*

*In an area as sensitive as this, it is of the upmost importance that we recognise and listen to all views, which is why everyone with an interest in addressing the legacy question was invited to have their say.*

*I want to offer my personal reassurance that the Government is deeply committed to doing all it can to show its support and admiration for veterans.*

*Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.*

*Yours,*

*Alun*

## 'Thank those who gave their lives'

**REMEMBRANCE is always a poignant time of year – but this year, it takes on special significance as we mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.**

Across the Vale, we have seen many communities display poppies on lampposts to show their respect.

This somewhat simple gesture does a great deal to make us reflect and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The ladies at Cowbridge Quilters have done a fantastic job in creating a commemorative quilt, embroidered with the names of all the town's fallen.

The work the Royal British Legion often goes unnoticed and takes place all year round, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all they do.

I will be paying my respects this year at the war memorial in Cowbridge and I would urge all Vale residents to take a moment to pause and thank those who gave their lives to secure our freedoms.

**Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central AM.**

## 'Farcical and error strewn': a reader's verdict on local school consultation

**WHILE the Vale Council's farcical and error-strewn 'consultation' on the future of Llancarfan School suggests a process driven by under-resourced and inappropriately-skilled officers, it is astonishing to discover the meticulous lengths the council will go to in order to manipulate and misrepresent information provided to them by the public.**

There are two such incidences that spring to mind: the council's redaction of a publicly-available quote within a document submitted by local communities*, and also the officers' own reports inaccurately representing the content of meetings with the public.

This approach fuels the staggering disregard the Vale Council cabinet appears to have for both the views of the general public, and the recommendations proposed by its own cross-party scrutiny committee.

Perhaps if the seven individuals voting on the cabinet had received a transparent and accurate representation they could have made an informed decision on the future for the Vale's only rurally-defined school, instead of pushing through the narrow-minded agendas of their officers.

What are Vale Council officers and cabinet members trying to hide? Are they intimidated by informed and experienced members of the community with evidence countering their proposals?

Perhaps they are scared to accept scrutiny's recommendation and consider, fully, alternatives to closure offered to them by the public?

It appears that in order to favour the council's vision of "strong communities with a bright future", officers and cabinet members do so at the expense of strong communities with a deep-rooted history.

**Andy Farquarson, Llancarfan.**

**NB: The GEM approached the Vale Council about the redaction issue and received the following comment from a council spokesperson: "*The quote was redacted because it contained personal information that, under GDPR legislation, the council did not have permission to disclose*."**

### HIGH TIDE TIMES
**(UNTIL NOVEMBER 15)**

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| 13 Tues | 09.34 | 8.6 | 21.53 | 8.4 |
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# Coming together to help 'Stand Up To Cancer'

**TO a sell-out audience, on the evening of October 21 in the Duke of Wellington's Ballroom, the Cowbridge Cancer Research UK shop and the Cowbridge Slimming World group came together and held a very successful 'Stand Up To Cancer Fashion Show'.**

Thirteen volunteers from both the shop and Slimming World – all of whom had, by the way, never walked a catwalk – very proudly and elegantly show-cased our new autumn collection of life-saving clothes, along with a prize draw and a designer clothes rail sale.

We are very proud to announce that we have raised just over £1,200 to help us see three in four people in the UK survive their cancer by 2034.

The whole evening could not have been made such a success if it was not for the extreme generosity of all involved.

Special mention to Joan Marner whose organisational skills were exceptional and to Lorraine Berry (Slimming World consultant) who was inspirational – 'touching hearts, changing lives'. There are so many, many supporters to mention, so thank you to everyone who contributed to a fabulous evening.

Stand Up To Cancer is an annual fundraising campaign that brings the UK together to speed-up progress in life-saving cancer research.

Stand Up To Cancer funds research, which takes developments in the labs and accelerates them into new tests and treatments for cancer patients who need them right now.

You have until November 18 to bring in any SU2C fundraising money to the Cancer Research UK shop at 56, High Street, Cowbridge (CF71 7AH).

**Samantha Griffiths**

# The Cowbridge U3A enjoys a stroll

**TWENTY-TWO members of Cowbridge U3A Strollers met recently at The Boar's Head, a Victorian pub in Tyle-garw at the edge of Pontyclun, for a short walk in the nearby Coed Trecastell, led by guest leader Val.**

At least a third of the party took the opportunity to have a coffee in the pub's café extension before setting off.

Despite the implications of the wood's name, there are no signs of a castle or motte near Coed Trecastell; the castle at Llantrisant and the motte at Ystradown are probably the closest (unless any reader knows otherwise).

The area is popular with dog walkers and several routes through the wood are available, from easy walking to rougher (and possibly muddy) terrain.

The strollers' walk, in pleasant weather conditions, was just under 1.5 miles.

The morning's exercise concluded for most with a convivial lunch at the pub.

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# Lantern workshop

**LLANTWIT Major events group is hosting a lantern workshop on Sunday, November 18 for local children who can then take part in the lantern parade six days later.**

Liz Evans of the events committee told The GEM: "The lantern parade is a wonderful community tradition in the town. It's lovely to see the children taking part. We are holding two workshop sessions at the rugby club in the town on November 18 – one at 2pm and another at 4pm.

"It's for school children aged up to 12 years old. It is £5 per child, but all the materials are provided."

The parade takes place on Saturday, November 24, and will leave the Precinct at 5.30pm to arrive at the town hall in time for the Christmas lights switch-on.

*If parents or guardians want to book a place at the workshop they can go to Llantwit Major events group on Facebook; or email Liz Evans at lizabeth13@hotmail.co.uk.*

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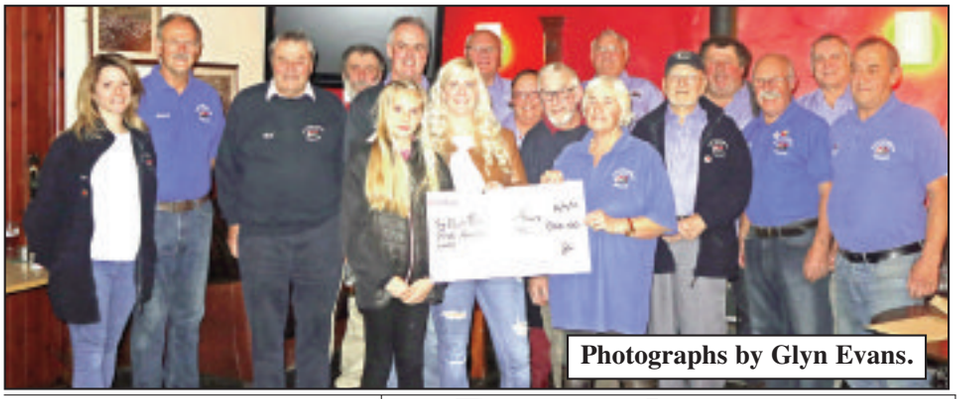
# Presentation evening for the Tractor Boys



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**THE Tractor Boys of Aberthin held a presentation evening at the Farmers Arms in Aberthin on November 4, with more than 40 people in attendance.**

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two cheques totalling £1,700.

The first cheque for £500 was presented by Caroline Langford to Victoria Williams, who accepted the cheque on behalf of The Ellis Rose Legacy Fund. This money will help to go towards buying a cuddle blanket that preserves a young child's body so that parents can spend a little more time with them before they finally say their goodbyes.

The money was raised at a tractor run in March and the total amount raised to date by the Ellis Rose Legacy Fund exceeds £10,000. This has allowed the foundation to buy and donate two cots.

The second presentation was made by Martyn Huish and was for £1,200. The money was raised at a tractor run on October 28. Everyone had benefitted from an extra hour in bed,so a good crowd turned up on a very cold morning to support the run, look at the tractors, kick tyres and devour tea, coffee and bacon rolls.

Starting from the car park of Able Contract Electronics, 33 tractors travelled through Talbot Green, Llantrisant, Beddau,Tonteg, Treforest, Pontypridd, and Ynysbwl before finally stopping for refreshments, food and a raffle at the Brynffynon Hotel, Llanwonno.

Accepting the cheque from Martyn Huish was Emily David, who will pass it on to the charity Caring Matters Now. Emily's daughter Maisey (3) suffers from a rare condition called Congenital Melanocytic Naevi Syndrome. She is under the watchful eye of Great Ormond Street Hospital as the moles need to be monitored carefully. About 1 in 20,000 children suffer from this condition.

Many thanks to Martyn Huish for being route master for both runs, Caroline Langford for booking in the entrants, Jason Huish for selling raffle tickets, Able Contract Electronics for the use of their facilities and to all those who supported the events and made donations.

During the last eight years, the Tractor Boys of Aberthin have raised more than £32,000 for good causes.

**SRD**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**

*News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan 01656 860303*

### Saron Chapel

**A SERVICE will take place at Saron Chapel on Sunday, November 18 at 3pm, conducted by Mrs Sonia Castle; all welcome.**

On December 2, Saron Chapel will host a Christmas table top sale in the community hall.

### Llangan and St Mary Hill

**WORK taking place on the green to make the area safer for children is now complete.**

A Christmas pantomime, *Bart and the Beanstack*, takes place at the Llangan Community Hall on Saturday, December 1 at 7pm and on Sunday, December 2 at 2pm. Tickets (adults £3, children £2), raffle and refreshments will be available.

A Christmas fair takes place on Saturday, December 15 in Llangan Community Hall from 2.30pm-4.30pm and will include Santa's Grotto, stalls, raffle and games. Come and join in the fun!

Also in Llangan Community Hall, Yoga takes place every Monday from 7pm to 8.30pm and dance classes every Wednesday from 7pm-8pm.

### Rugby

**THE first rugby international took place last week when Wales won against Scotland, and taking part was local player Luke Morgan from Graig Penllyne.**

# Remembrance at Cowbridge Museum

*Mr Cairns and Dr Hicks and a man in WW1 uniform (right).*

**VALE MP Alun Cairns visited the Cowbridge and District Museum on November 3 where Dr Jonathan Hicks and Robin Mellor were exhibiting artefacts relating to the front line during the First World War, as part of the museum's commemoration of the ending of the war.**

We had over 80 people visit us, and we wish to thank them, Dr Hicks and Mr Mellor for coming to see and help us.

**Steve Harkett**

# Cowbridge with Llanblethian Remembrance

**AT 6am on Sunday, November 11, a piper will play 'Battle's O'er' outside the Town Hall.**

This is a traditional air played by pipers after battle and will herald the start of the day's commemorations.

The Cowbridge branch of the Royal British Legion will be taking part in the November 11 parade, Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying organised by the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council.

The branch would like to invite any serving members of HM Armed Forces, veterans and anyone with a service connection living in the area to join with them in commemorating this very significant anniversary.

The parade will form up at the rear of the Town Hall by 10.30am to march on at 10.45am for the service and wreath-laying at the memorial, followed by the main Remembrance Service at Holy Cross Church and march-back to the Town Hall.

At 11am, a short service of Remembrance will be held at the war memorial outside the Town Hall followed by a wreath laying ceremony. Once the wreath laying is complete, members of the Royal British Legion, members of HM Armed Forces, youth organisations, local people, the Mayor and councillors will parade to Holy Cross for a service of Remembrance.

When the service has concluded, the parade will return to the town hall where it will be dismissed following a march past.

At 7pm, a beacon will be lit at Cowbridge Rugby Club and this will be preceded by *Last Post*, which will be played at 6.55pm.

At 7.05pm, the town crier will declare 'A Cry for Peace Around the World' and simultaneously, the bells at Holy Cross Cowbridge and St John's Church, Llanblethian will 'ring out for peace'.

Everybody in Cowbridge and surrounding areas is encouraged to attend one or all of the events to show their support of the commemorations in the nation's tribute and the past 100 years of Remembrance.

**FW**

# A busy month for Cowbridge choir

**OCTOBER turned out to be a very interesting month in the life of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, showing how varied the activities of a choir can be.**

First, together with Pontyclun Ladies' Choir, members entertained Perth Male Voice Choir from Australia at a packed Pontyclun Rugby Club.

The Perth Choir had travelled to take part in a massed choir concert in London and also toured south Wales. Each choir performed individually and then together.

Perth performed some of the numbers they were singing in London and their performance, including pronunciation of the Welsh songs, was magnificent.

Following this, the choir were invited to entertain residents, families and friends of Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, Barry. The choir was requested to sing a number of Welsh hymns and then the residents and friends joined in a 'sing along'. A great time was had by all.

The next two events in the diary were a fashion show in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge followed by a quiz night which was highly entertaining; the hardest part of the evening was the baby photograph competition. How choristers have changed since their early cherubic days.

The month ended with the choir entertaining the judges of The Great British High Street competition following the town's presentation.

The next engagement for the choir will be at Holy Cross Church in the Christmas Festival concert on Friday, November 23. The choir will be joined by two young ladies who both won their respective competitions in last year's Music in the Vale competition. They are Rhianna Hogg, a soloist and Stefanie Maurer, a guitarist.

Tickets (£7.50) are available from Barnes Dry Cleaners and Sorrento Furnishings in Cowbridge. Tickets are also available at the parish office in Holy Cross Church, from Barbara Harding on 07913 79624 or from any member of the choir.

**FTM**

# 'Lovelight' service announced

**COWBRIDGE Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care have announced the line-up for its first Christmas 'lovelight' service.**

BBC Wales Today presenter Lucy Owen and BBC Radio Cymru presenter Caryl Parry Jones will host an evening of music and Christmas words, at the Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday December 7.

They will be joined by rugby star Craig Quinnell, The Tenovus Sing With Us Barry choir, the Skymasters Little Big Band and the children's choir Cor Heol y March, Cor Cymru winners based in Welsh St Donat's.

Caryl, a musician, will also sing accompanied by her husband Merf. Tickets cost £10 per adult and children acompanied by an adult go free. The price includes refreshments.

All proceeds will go to helping make life a little bit easier for people with cancer and their families.

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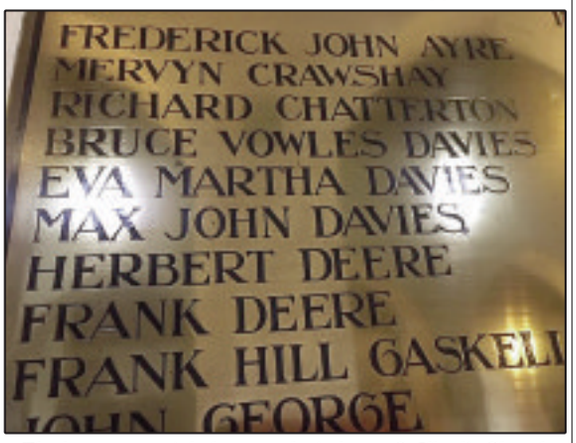
# Tower tribute to fallen bell ringers




*The brass memorial plaque and window at St Illtud's Church dedicated to all those killed in World War 1 from Llantwit Major, including the bell ringers.*

**FIVE bell ringers from one church who lost their lives in World War One will be remembered as their successors ring out for peace on November 11.**

It is believed that 1,400 bell ringers lost their lives during World War 1. They included five from one church in south Wales who are not as yet listed on the national bell ringers' Roll of Honour. Today's bell ringers at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major will be remembering them; along with 30 others who were killed, as they join in the ringing for peace on November 11.

The ringers killed were the young bell captain, Bruce Davies, 29; his brother Max, 24; blacksmith David Legge, hay-cutter and deputy bell leader William Thomas, 28 and Daniel Rees, 35, a farmer who died in the influenza epidemic that followed the war.

The bells will be rung continuously at three times at St Illtud on November 11. From 9.15am to 9.45am they will ring half-muffled before the morning service.

At 12.30pm they will join in the national bell ringing and at 7.05pm following the lighting of the town's beacon, they will take part in the 'ringing out for peace' tribute.

# Quiz in the spotlight for new floodlights

**ON October 26, Llantwit Major Tennis Club held a fundraising quiz night at Llantwit Major Rugby Club.**

After the fantastic news that they will received EU funding for a new playing surface, the club are pulling out all the stops to raise further funds for floodlights.

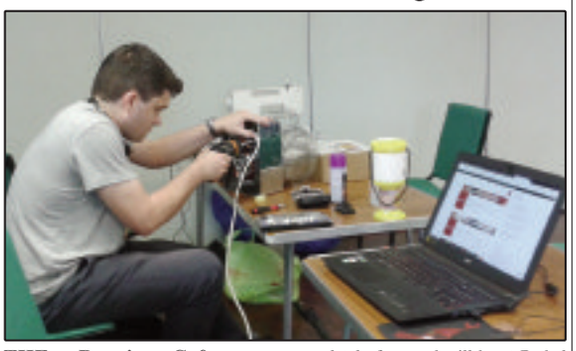
It was a great turnout, with more than 60 people taking part and almost £500 was raised.

The club wishes to thank everyone who supported them and thanks also go to the helpers and the events committee for putting on the event and to local businesses Il Vesuvio, the Co-op and Barry Tesco, who donated gifts for prizes.

The club is hoping that the new surface will be playable by mid-November.

For more information about the club, visit www.llantwittennis.co.uk or find them on Facebook. **VW**

# Repair Cafe opens in Llantwit Major



**THE Repair Cafe was launched successfully in Llantwit Major in October, with some notable fixes at its launch including sewing machine, car key fob, food mixer, mobile phone app and some ornaments for glueing.**

We're looking for more opportunities to help the community, completely free, and will be at Bethel Church again on Saturday, November 10 and Saturday, December 8 from 10am to noon.

Please bring all sorts of portable household items, including bicycles, IT equipment, ornaments, toys, textiles (repair only, no alterations) and ornaments etc. Nothing large or hazardous. Refreshments will also be available.

**TB**

# Boys' Brigade's autumnal collages

**THE youngest members of 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade, the Anchors, made some beautiful collage pictures after finding out more about autumn.**

They enjoyed exploring some of the amazing colours that we can see at this time of year.

The company has a very busy weekend ahead. We would like to wish the eight young people travelling to Torquay on Saturday for the first round of the Masterteam (quiz) national competition the best of luck.

For three of them this is the first time they have represented Llantwit Major at this level. After a late night, we will be up early to support the Armistice events on Remembrance Sunday, including the lone piper, main parade and children's party. Our young people will also be looking out for their contribution to the commemorative wall hanging.

There are a few vacancies in Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major. If anyone would like any further information contact Debbie on (01446) 796208.

**Debbie Chapman**

# A 'thankful village' remembers

**IN World War One, 23 men from Colwinston joined up and all came back safely.**

This is why Colwinston is one of 51 Thankful Villages around the UK.

We were visited in 2013 by a group of motorcyclists who have researched these villages and visited all of them over a two week period.

This story was featured on the TV. We were presented with a Thankful Village plaque, which led the community council to erect a War Memorial on the village green dedicated to these 23 men who served and to the four men who lost their lives in World War 2.

On Remembrance Sunday there will be a service and wreath laying at the War Memorial followed by a Thankful Village service in church conducted by Rev Alan Kettle. The church bell will be rung at 12.30pm along with all the other bells in the country, just as they were on November 11, 1918.

# WI looks forward to the festive season

**ST NICHOLAS WI met on October 5, when vice-president Ann Bryant welcomed Debra John, who was dressed as an Edwardian maid and gave members a very interesting talk about life in service.**

Debra gave us an insight to life in the Great House and the role of the servants and footman.

On November 1, St Nicholas WI president Janet Hayes welcomed Alison Westwood and Mary Kate.

Alison demonstrated a wide range of interesting ways to wrap presents using paper tissue, cellophane and beautiful ribbon to create elegantly wrapped gifts too good to open!

The Christmas meal on November 28 will take place at The Beech Tree and the raffle was won by Tina Evans.

The craft group had a table at the Bonvilston Craft Fair, selling handmade gifts and cards and raised £360 for a WI bursary 2020. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

The meeting on December 6 will be the Christmas party, with snacks, charades and a competition.

**VH**

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# An unenviable title: the loneliest grave

**AT 30 inches tall, 15 in wide, and 3 in thick, Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) headstones, overwhelmingly made of Portland stone, are uniform.**

Uniform in style, in lettering, in position. Even in death, the servicemen and women are seemingly maintaining order and discipline.

Visit any CWGC cemetery – be it in France, Crete, Belgium, Israel, or Thailand – and one can hardly fail to be moved by the number of headstones.

Tyne Cot, for example, holds the unenviable title of being the largest of the CWGC cemeteries with some the remains of 11,954 Commonwealth personnel.

Often arranged by regiment, occasionally, a number of graves and headstones abut each other.

These are tank or aircraft crews who fought and died together by fire, explosion, or crash, and whose remains were inseparable. Sometimes, coffins were, indeed are filled with sandbags to give it the weight to heft it properly and more seemingly onto the shoulders of the bearer party.

Barely a civilian cemetery in the land has not at least one CWGC grave. Cowbridge, for example, has two. Porthcawl cemetery has 18, including Kiwis, Canadians, and Aussies, as well as four Polish airmen.

St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend has one.

Even if not with their comrades, the graves are with others.

Except one.

Stroll along the Ogmore in Bridgend, and across the river from Glanrhyd Hospital is a gated field, a quietly pastoral aspect, even if the M4 is audible from it, surrounded by trees.

A pleasant site, and in fact consecrated ground. It is a cemetery with one occupant with the uniform CWGC headstone.

Little is known, but much is speculated, about its lone occupant, Rifleman CW (Charles William) Murphy of the Monmouthshire Regiment.

A patient of Glanrhyd Hospital, he died on July 31, 1918 aged 37, never having seen active service.

A hero? No, but possibly still a casualty of war in some form, and possibly the holder of another unenviable record: the loneliest grave.

And yet, each year, people vault over the gate to the cemetery and place a cross, or a poppy, on his grave.

He died alone, and he lies alone, but he is not forgotten and, hopefully, is at peace. **AJ**

# Tractor Boys take to the road

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# Cowbridge poet wins £5,000 poetry prize

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'What Possessed Me' won the Roland Mathias Poetry Award as part of the Wales Book of the Year Awards in November 2017. His poem 'My Grandfather's Hat' won third prize in the National Poetry Competition, 2012.

The Bridport Prize based in Bridport, Dorset is one of the most prestigious open writing competitions in the English language with categories in poetry, short stories, flash fiction (stories of 250 words or fewer) and the Peggy Chapman-Andrews Award for a first novel, named in honour of the prize's founder.

Established in 1973 and with over £18,000 in prize money to be won annually, the competition attracts entries from across the globe. This year over 12,000 writers from 79 countries competed for one of the 34 winner and highly commended awards.

The Bridport Prize is the flagship project of Bridport Arts Centre in Dorset and the competition raises funds for the Arts Centre's work each year.

The prize is known as a literary stepping-stone – the first step in the careers of writers such as Kate Atkinson, Tobias Hill, Kit de Waal and Helen Dunmore. The competition is open to anyone as long as the submitted work is previously unpublished.

An anthology of this year's winning entries, including John's poem (printed below), is available from the Bridport Prize website at *www.bridportprize.org.uk*

*The competition for 2019 will be launched on 15 November with a closing date of May 31, 2019.*

**Exhibition**

***It's a cool afternoon in mid-November.***
***Boys are messing about beside the river,***
***and one of them is taking off his shirt.***
***Perhaps it's for a dare, or someone bet him.***
***I lose sight of his group among the trees***
***as I turn and head towards the footbridge,***
***but it sounds as if he must be in by now.***
***A dozen girls in brand-new uniforms crowd along the path in my direction.***
***I notice how, whatever the colour and the thickness of their hair, all of them***
***have it pulled tightly back above their foreheads.***
***Once you focus on it, it's a motif, the smooth brow and the lines of hair above it.***
***They must be 11, 12 at most.***
***Though I've lost sight of the bare-chested boy,***
***the girls haven't. They're pretending not to look,***
***not to be impressed or interested.***
***One of them, with dark curls, her lowered face***
***suffused with a becoming rosiness, gives an involuntary, inward smile.***
***Who knows what is going on inside her?***
***I'm remembering when I was her age,***
***or thereabouts, and the smooth-skinned boy's,***
***seeing an older lad at a French resort***
***with a friend, no doubt egging him on,***
***facing a sand-dune, changing to swim, naked,***
***with narrow hips, flexing his small, hard buttocks,***
***smirking, glancing further up the beach***
***to where two girls, in their midteens as he was,***
***demurely dressed, holding down pleated skirts,***
***were sitting on a wall, giggling together,***
***one of them leaning back in the direction***
***of the sea to look past the dunes, almost***
***toppling, to glimpse perhaps the first male nude –***
***it was a different world – she'd met with, and I***
***didn't know which surprised and pained me more,***
***his shamelessness, or the girl's fascination.***

**JOHN FREEMAN**

# 'Lower the speed limit in Bonvilston' says councillor

**THE village of Bonvilston needs a lower speed limit, wider pavements and a pedestrian crossing, a local councillor has told The GEM.**

The A48 runs through Bonvilston and Cllr Ian Perry, who sits on St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, said he had surveyed residents who were increasingly concerned about road safety.

He said: "I interviewed 50 residents of Bonvilston and found that 80 per cent believe there is a problem with vehicles travelling at excessive speeds through the village.

"A total of 60 per cent believed that the 40mph speed limit is too high for the village. The noisy road surface is an additional issue for those living closest to the A48."

Cllr Perry pointed out that in 2009, the Welsh Government set out guidance for village speed limits in the interests of safety and accessibility, and a 30mph limit was set.

He said: "This document appears to have not reached the Vale Council. We have more than the required 20 properties fronting onto the A48 and the pub, shop and Reading Rooms should carry extra weight for Bonvilston to be classed as a village requiring a 30mph speed limit.

"The village also has the required street lighting, signage and a length in excess of 600 metres along the A48.

"Much of the pavement along the A48 at Bonvilston is of insufficient width for a wheelchair, never mind comfortable walking, while the road carriageway is between nine and 10 metres wide.

"The carriageway of the 60mph road replacing Five Mile Lane is 7.3 metres wide.

"Clearly the pavements in Bonvilston need to be wider, as well as not being obstructed by hedges, and the road should be narrower."

He said there were concerns about children crossing the road for the school bus at the western edge of the village with the only crossing 500 metres away at the top of the hill.

He added: "My survey found that 80 per cent of residents believe that Bonvilston should have an additional crossing."

Michael Clogg, operational manager of engineering at the Vale Council, said the council was more than happy to meet Cllr Perry or the local community council to discuss the issues he had raised.

"As a council, we are committed to improving highway safety and reducing traffic collisions.

"The Vale Council uses the Welsh Assembly Government Circular No: 24/2009, 'Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales', issued in October 2009, when considering any change of variation in speed limits along its local highway network.

"While the 2009 document provides guidance on speed limits in certain urban and rural locations, it specifically encourages highway authorities to consider each location on a case-by-case basis, and to use their discretion in deciding what speed limit are appropriate, based on factual evidence and characteristics of specific roads.

"The council would be more than happy to discuss the situation in further detail with Cllr Perry or the community council."

# Yeomanry memorial

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The Glamorgan Yeomanry has gone through many incarnations, becoming an artillery regiment in 1922, and gaining further battle honours during World War Two including Monte Cassino, Operation Market Garden, and Op Overlord, the D-Day invasion of France.

After the restructuring of the Territorial Army in 1967, the Glamorgan Yeomanry lineage was perpetuated by C (Glamorgan Yeomanry) Troop, 211 (South Wales) Battery, 104th Regiment Royal Artillery. GEM readers may remember a piece to coincide with Reserves' Day 2018 about Gunner Natalie O'Shea of Pencoed and of 104 Regiment,

Chatting to Mr Phillips by the monument – which to a layman appears to be in good condition – on a crisp Autumnal day, there are number of things he would like to see happen to the site, including making it more visible.

Many trees have, quite naturally, grown in the past 96 years.

Mr Phillips – who is 87 and shares his birthday with the Prince of Wales – said: "It's a grand monument to a local regiment with centuries of history and many connections around Bridgend the Vale and further afield.

"To see it remain accessible, and maintained and visible would be a further tribute to the sacrifices made by the Glamorgan Yeomanry."

If you have family connections to the Glamorgan Yeomanry, please send details to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

## Flatholm Society talk

**THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk by Bruce McDonald on the work of the Wenvoe Wildlife group, at The Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth on Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm. The wildlife group are volunteers who look after a local woodland and four orchards.**

We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs; we supply refreshments and there will be a raffle. For further information contact Peter Sampson on 01446404842 or email pb.sampson@ntlworld.com.

# Pilgrimage of remembrance for members of local Royal British Legion branch

*Neil and Suzanne in front of the wreaths after the parade.*

**MEMBERS of the Llantwit Major branch of The Royal British Legion (RBL) joined thousands of Armed Forces veterans and supporters from across the UK and worldwide in a pilgrimage of remembrance to some of World War 1's most poignant sites.**

Neil and Suzanne Foster attended the Great Pilgrimage 90 as representatives of Llantwit Major RBL, as a standard bearer and wreath layer respectively.

Between August 5 to 9, the RBL and a holiday tour firm teamed up to deliver a tribute to the veterans and war widows from the First World War who embarked upon the first Great Pilgrimage in 1928.

The idea behind it was for the fledgling Legion, which had been established by Sir Douglas Haig in 1921, to provide an experience that would allow them to visit the battlefield sites of the Western Front and to commemorate the achievements of the Hundred Day Offensive, which began on August 8 with the Battle of Amiens.

Just like the event from 1928, the the RBL and the holiday partner would provide two days of touring the sites of Ypres and the Somme before attending a ceremony in Ypres on August 8; to recreate the original pilgrimage from 1928 and to remember the hundredth anniversary of the Hundred Day Offensive.

A spectacular two-mile march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial, led by 1,100 standard bearers, was the culmination of the three day event which saw the 2,200 participants visit the World War 1 trenches, battlefields and cemeteries of France and Belgium.

Maureen Geary Jones, secretary of the Llantwit Major branch said: "Being part of such a historic event, representing Llantwit Major in commemorating those who lost their lives in the First World War, was an honour and something they will never forget."

Bob Gamble, The Royal British Legion's Head of Commemorative Events, said: "GP90 was the Legion's biggest membership event in modern history and is a suitable tribute from the members of The Royal British Legion in honour of the First World War generation, echoing the way the British Legion community commemorated the 10th anniversary of the conflict in 1928."

For more information visit www.britishlegion.org.uk or to find out how to get involved with your local branch contact visit the new Llantwit Major RBL facebook group for more pictures and information of this event and others around south Wales.

# Owls of joy for seniors

**BONVILSTON Seniors' Club (formerly Age Connect) were able to enjoy an almost 'in your face' experience, when Alan from Owls 4 U brought along three of his owls to the club on October 30.**

Firstly we were introduced to Bart, a 19-year-old female Eagle Owl with a five-foot wing span, who had been with Alan since she was six months old; in captivity Eagle Owls could live for 70 years.

Next came Merlin, a nine-year-old male Tawny Owl rescued from a country park when he was about one week old – just a tiny ball of fluff.

Finally we met Dizzy, a three-year-old Barn Owl; in the wild their lifespan is quite short – only about four years.

Several of our members put on the glove and were able to hold these lovely birds, and we are very grateful to Alan for providing such an interesting talk, and to get up close to his birds.

The club meets in the unique Reading Room, Bonvilston (plenty of parking space) opposite Old Village Shop every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon (except the second Tuesday of the month when we usually meet in the Aubrey Arms for coffee at 11am; stop for lunch, if you wish!).

We extend an invitation to anyone over 50 to join us. You don't have to live in Bonvilston and we have a varied programme planned, including Extend with Shirley (a little light exercise while sat on a chair); a talk 'Secrets of a Private Eye'; a Barbershop Choir; and a Christmas lunch on Thursday, December 6 We also arrange outside visits, transport mainly provided by Green Links.

*If you would like further information, contact Sally on 01446 793738; you can be sure of a warm welcome and an interesting morning among friendly people.*

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# Valeplus receives a donation

*Jane Musson, trustee of ValePlus, receiving a cheque from Jarlath Garvey.*

**VALEPLUS, based In High Street, Barry, a charity which provides opportunities for adults with learning difficulties has recently received a cheque for £477.44 from a charity quiz held at the Seashore Grill in Sully, organised by Pam and Jarlath Garvey.**

**JANE MUSSON**

# Group campaigns for a 20-mph maximum speed limit

**RESIDENTS of Penarth, Sully and the rural Vale have come together to form 20's Plenty for the Vale.**

The group includes representatives from the community councils of Peterston-super-Ely and Welsh St Donats. 20's Plenty for the Vale will support the work of a growing number of campaign groups and its aim is to see the Vale Council establish a 20 mph speed limit policy for its urban and residential roads.

The formation of the Vale group followed the 20's Plenty for Wales conference in early October, which attracted delegates from Welsh Government, Police, the NHS and many of Wales' local authorities.

The group quotes uncited research studies that suggest that there is what a spokesperson for the group described as "... clear and consistent majority support for 20 mph limits across the UK".

David Field, community councillor and coordinator of 20's Plenty for Peterston-super-Ely, said: "We launched our village campaign for 20 mph at the beginning of the year and it quickly became clear that we are just one of a number of areas pushing for a 20 mph limit with the Vale Council.

"Combining the experience and efforts of Penarth, Peterston, Sully and Welsh St Donats strengthens our respective campaigns. We are jointly pursuing a meeting with the elected leadership of Vale Council, as ultimately the decision on 20 mph policy rests with them."

Campaigns in the Vale are receiving political supporters including AM David Melding.

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# Llantwit Major remembers...

**LLANTWIT Major Town Council is pleased to announce that the commemorative wall hanging is complete.**

At the beginning of the year residents of Llantwit Major were invited to buy fabric squares to knit/sew/paint a poppy on. Some 350 squares were given out, with 272 being returned. A group of seven volunteers met regularly at the Llantonian Hall to sew the squares together.

The finished article will be on display on Sunday, November 11 on the side of the Town Hall facing the Cenotaph. It will then be placed upstairs in the Town Hall for anyone wishing to view it (please call in to Town Council office).

A big thank you to the volunteers who gave up many hours to ensure the wall hanging was finished in time, Foyes Fabric and Travis Perkins for supplying fabric and materials towards the project.

Additionally, please remember to come and join us in commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1, with the following events.

Friday to Sunday, November 9, 10 and 11: an exhibition of war memorabilia will be on display in St Illtud's Church, between 10am and 6pm. Also on display will be work from local schools, including poems and artwork. Please come along and visit the exhibition, it is free of charge with tea and coffee being provided.

Saturday, November 10: the Vale Half Marathon takes place with the first runner due out at 9am from Llantwit Major Youth Centre. There will be approximately 150 runners so why not come and show your support to these individuals taking on a very challenging multi-terrain course. The finish line will be under the rugby posts on the recreation field from approximately 10.45am onwards. Places still available.

Sunday, November 11: at 6am a lone piper will be playing *Battle's O'er*, a traditional Scottish air played after battle in front of the war memorial.

At 9.30am St Illtud's Church bells will ring at half muffle for traditional service.

At 10.15am those taking part in Remembrance Sunday Parade to gather at rugby club car park.

At 10.50am start of the Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph.

At 11.30am refreshments available in Town Hall, from Llantwit Major Events Group.

At 12.30pm St Illtud's Church bells will be ringing for Ringing Remembers.

At 2pm children's World War 1 commemorative event in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major Events Group.

At 7pm a beacon will be lit in the Old Swan garden, in a tribute called Beacons of Light, signifying the 'light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war'.

At 7.05pm St Illtud's Church bells will ring as part of the Ringing Out for Peace, organised in association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Llantwit Major Town Council would like to thank all those individuals who have worked and volunteered to ensure this tribute to those people who lost their lives and returned home wounded from the Great War.

Many of the events are part of an international commemoration event called Battle's Over,

*If you would like more information on any of the events or have any memorabilia please contact the Town Council office on 01446 793707 or lm.tc@btconnect.com.*

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Dyddiedig 8 Techewdd 2018
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Quarry Road, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4265 LLANTWIT MAJOR BYPASS, LLANTWIT MAJOR) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER (No2) 2018

10x6

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order, the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour between the locations specified in Schedule 2 below:

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The section of B4265 Llantwit Major Bypass from its junction with Eglwys Brewis / Boverton Traffic Lights to Llantwit Road (St Athan Entrance) Traffic Lights.

**Reason:** The restriction is being implemented to allow new junction works to take place.

**Duration:** From 06.00 Hours on 19th November 2018 a maximum period of 18 months or until the signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 8th day of November 2018
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Quarry Road,Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 6) 2018

1. Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn cynnig gwneud Gorchymyn a'i effaith fydd diwygio'r mannau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.
2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a allai fod gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf. IF871/872) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 30 Tachewdd 2018 a rhaid cynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.
3. Rhoddir gwybod i unrhyw un sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yn sgil Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, fod rhwymedigaeth gyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn i alluogi'r cyhoedd i archwilio unrhyw sylwadau sy'n dod i law am y Gorchymyn a gynigir.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

**Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013**

### ATODLEN

**Cynnig Dim Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg.**

**Quarry Road, Gwenfô – Map AC53**

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o bwynt 15 metr i'r de-orllewin o ffordd fynediad Depo'r Alps
am 103 metr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain.

**Mynediad Swyddfa, Depo'r Alps, Gwenfô – Map AC53**

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Quarry Road tua'r de-ddwyrain am 18.5 metr

**Mynediad Depo, Depo'r Alps, Gwenfô – Map AC53**

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Quarry Road tua'r de-ddwyrain am 15 metr

**Middlegate Court Y Bont-faen – Map AA28**

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o bwynt 98 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â North Road am 5.5 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain gan gydgyffwrdd â'r un presennol

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o bwynt 62 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r Fynedfa i faes
parcio Sgwâr Neuadd y Dref am bellter o 25.5 metr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain

Dyddiedig 8 Tachwedd 2018
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
The Alps, Gwenfô CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 6) ORDER 2018

15x6

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to amend the parking places at the locations specified in the Schedule below.
2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF871/872) in writing by 30th November 2018 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.
3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

**Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013**

### SCHEDULE

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time.**

**Quarry Road, Wenvoe – Map AC53**

On the south eastern side from a point 15 metres south-west of the Alps Depot access
road in a north easterly direction for a distance of 103 metres.

**Office Access, Alps Depot, Wenvoe – Map AC53**

On both sides of the road from the junction with Quarry Road in a south easterly direction for a distance of 18.5 metres

**Depot Access, Alps Depot, Wenvoe – Map AC53**

On both sides of the road from the junction with Quarry Road in a south easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres

**Middlegate Court Cowbridge – Map AA28**

On the north west side from a point 98 metres north east of the junction with North Road for a distance of 5.5 metres in a north easterly direction contiguous with existing

On the south east side from a point 62 metres north east of the junction with the Entrance to Town Hall Square car park for a distance of 25.5 metres in a north easterly direction

Dated this 8th day of November 2018
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

# ‘Remembering those who gave so much’

Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

**AS we look towards the centenary of the end of the First World War, I’ve been involved with a number of remembrance events to remember those who gave so much.**

I organised for 100 children to lay 100 wreaths at Barry Memorial Hall, with children from all over the Vale taking part.

I’ve also organised for ‘Thank You’ message boards to be erected at Barry Library, so that everyone can share their thoughts and messages of thanks.

I was moved by the 100 wreaths memorial and the messages that some of our primary school children wrote.

I wanted to ensure that future generations understand the sacrifices made by the World War One generation; so in addition to the wreath laying, they also received a presentation from veterans at the Royal British Legion.

It was fantastic to see how engaged they were and I was genuinely touched to see the poignant messages that they left. One particularly beautiful message read, ‘We don’t know all but we owe them all’.

I’m very grateful to the eight schools that participated – thank you to Cadoxton, Palmerston, Romilly, High Street, Gladstone, Jenner Park, St Athan and Ysgol Y Ddraig primary schools for coming.

The children were really engaged and I thank the teachers who helped to get them involved and did a fantastic job of making sure that everything ran smoothly.

Thanks also to the parents who have encouraged young people across the Vale to learn about the tragedy of war and the sacrifices made, which includes leaving messages on the Thank You boards at the library.

It’s been a privilege to, yet again, work with the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion on organising the 100 wreaths events and the Thank You boards.

Jimmy, Theresa and the rest of the team do fantastic work and I am delighted that the wreath ceremony raised almost £3,000 for the Royal British Legion.

Thanks also to all of the companies who donated, it’s really appreciated. A special thanks to Aston Martin who donated £1,000, Siteserv who donated £500 and RWE Aberthaw Power Station who donated £200.

*With Remembrance Sunday approaching, I ask that everyone do all that they can to support the excellent work of the Royal British Legion as they continue to support our Armed Forces and veterans.*

# Woman and car sought by police

*The image released by the police.*

**POLICE officers would like to speak to a woman in connection with the theft of diesel from Action Service Station, Dinas Powys, on September 14.**

Officers are appealing for anyone who may have seen a black BMW 1 series or a grey Audi with the index 3610FVY to get in contact.

Anyone with any information can call the police on 101 quoting reference 1800352019 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## GET YOUR JINGLE ON

**‘GET Your Jingle On’ at Celtic Way Community Hall on Saturday, December 8 from 1.45pm to 4.30 pm and enjoy a afternoon of what has been described as ‘festive fun’.**

Enjoy mulled wine or a festive soft drink, then browse the Christmas stalls offering homemade jams and chutneys, Christmas crafts, a tombola and raffle.

Rhoose florist Janet Green will share lots of tips and inspiration, as she demonstrates how to make the most amazing Christmas door wreath, which one lucky raffle winner will take home.

There will be tea and coffee, and a selection of Christmas bakes and to round off the afternoon, the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band will play singalong Christmas carols. Admission by ticket only, on sale now at Rhoose Library.

# A Barry bike club receives reward

**MEMBERS of Barry Bike Club at Ty Iolo in the town were rewarded for their hard work at the club’s final session of the year.**

On October 23, Vale Cllr Leighton Rowlands was joined by Vale Council staff Miles Punter and Mike Ingram to mark the evening.

Barry Bike Club was first introduced at Ty Iolo play area, through the Vale’s Communities First programme.

The club aims to reduce so-called ‘health inequities’ through promoting physical activity.

Children learned how to cycle safely in an off-road environment, how to balance through scooting, how to safely start and stop and practice turns using cones.

The Bike Club was revamped in April this year, and the sessions have attracted more than 89 children to Ty Iolo’s play area.

This success has led to a new partnership between Vale Homes (Community Investment team), Newydd and the Vale of Glamorgan Sports and Play Development, with Pedal Power, a local charity bike organisation based in Cardiff.

A new bike club will launch in St Athan next year, and Barry Bike Club will re-start in April 2019.

Cllr Rowlands said: “It was fantastic to see so many children take part and the club is going strength to strength, and I even decided to have a go on a bike myself to join in with them.”

Mark Ellis of the Vale Council said “Having been involved in this project in a previous role, I was delighted to see the Bike Club return.

“I am really excited for Pedal Power to be involved in setting up a new Bike Club in St Athan along with the fantastic Barry Bike Club restarting in the spring of 2019.”

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# Regional AM wants school to stay open

**SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has urged the Vale Council to look again at plans to close Llancarfan Primary School, following changes to Welsh Government guidance that come into force today.**

An updated version of the School Organisation Code applies from November 1, which includes a presumption against closure of rural schools. Crucially, Llancarfan is classified as such under the revised code.

The Vale Council cabinet last month took the decision to close the popular school despite widespread opposition from parents, pupils and local residents.

Mr Davies said: “As soon as the proposals to close Llancarfan School were first announced I joined local people in campaigning against the plans.

“The revised code makes clear that rural schools like Llancarfan should remain open – and this comes into force today.

“In light of these changes, these plans should be looked at again and the school should remain open.”

# The Invictus Games: a personal view from silver medal winner Jeff Robinson

*Jeff Robinson and teammates. Photo courtesy of Jeff Robinson.*

**AFTER a well-deserved break to recuperate from the rigours of a flight back from Oz, Llantwit Major's Jeff Robinson – a former RAF flight sergeant and two-time Invictus Games competitor – has had time to speak to The GEM after his team's hard-fought silver in wheelchair rugby.**

'Inspiring' is an over-used word, but now and again, it fits.

This is one of those occasions.

Here, speaking exclusively to The GEM, Jeff gives an insight into his life, his motivation, and what the Invictus Games means to him.

**THE Invictus Games have proved to be a major step in my recovery from life changing injuries.**

During my 23 years' service, I had both knees rebuilt, smashed up my left shoulder and compressed my spine which required fusion surgery and left me in constant pain. I then had a motorcycle accident where I broke my neck and back, leaving me paralysed from the chest down.

Sport had always been a massive part of my life. I was RAF boxing champion, going on to box for Wales, represented the Combined Services in Athletics, and played rugby and football at RAF Station level.

Initially, I found life outside the Forces okay. I had spent my last 12 years' service working with the Army and eight of those were away on operational duties.

I was physically and mentally burnt out, and had missed the majority of my youngest son growing up.

Gradually though, I missed the camaraderie of the Forces and went into the private security sector, where I worked with a lot of ex-Forces personnel.

My motorcycle accident changed all that and I became very reclusive, until wheelchair rugby and the opportunity to trial for the 2017 Invictus Games came about. It gave me the opportunity to represent my country again, alongside real warriors who were fighting their own battles, both physically and mentally.

Many of whom are young men and women whose lives have been changed dramatically, but refuse to be conquered. The whole journey has been inspirational and given me the self-belief to return to work, to such an extent where I am now a director of a security consultancy company.

As for training for wheelchair rugby at the Games, I am fortunate enough to train and play for the Ospreys Wheelchair rugby team under the tutelage of Paul Jenkins, who is also the UK Invictus team coach. I was lucky enough to play in all the important games at last year's Games, but unfortunately I aggravated an existing shoulder injury in the build up to these games, which hampered my game time severely.

Nevertheless, there was a real team ethos in the squad, all pushing towards success, regardless of who was in the starting line up. For me, it was like serving again – knowing the lads had your back.

I would recommend to anyone who has had a life-changing injury or illness to reach out and find a club or organisation that can and will help with their recovery. For me, it was a chance meeting with a now very good friend of mine, Sam Lloyd, who was a firefighter until he broke his neck in a freak accident jumping into the sea, resulting in him breaking his neck and leaving him quadriplegic; which led me on the path to recovery.

It put everything into perspective when he told me that if he had the physical function I had, then he would go travelling the world.

How could I feel sorry for myself when he said that?

Without Help for Heroes, I believe the Invictus Games would not be possible. What I would add, though, is all the other work they do for ex-service men and women, including educational courses, work placements, clinical appointments and, of course, sporting activities. The work they do and these programmes cannot be underestimated in the recovery of wounded, injured or sick veterans or serving personnel and their loved ones.

I must say how much the help of my family and friends has been key to my ongoing recovery. I owe them all so much.

In addition, I would like to thank the Service charities, who all work tirelessly to achieve the same goal of supporting our service personnel and have been paramount in my personal recovery, including the Royal British Legion, the Royal Air Forces Association and Supporting Wounded Veterans.

**Jeff Robinson**

**Jeff thanks his family, his friends, his teammates and Service charities for their assistance, and there is another organisation to mention.**

Drive through Bridgend Industrial Estate, or if you kept an eye on the fast-moving members of Team UK in the Invictus Games, and you will see the name 'Roma' emblazoned on the back of the team's wheelchairs.

Roma's commercial director, Steve Hughes, tells readers about the company's involvement with all forms of wheelchair sport, not just rugby.

**ROMA Medical is a privately owned Welsh company located in Bridgend. It is a market leader with regard to manufacturing and selling mobility and rehabilitation equipment.**

During 2012, Roma introduced to the market a rugby wheelchair which was very well received and enabled the company to develop entry level/generic chairs through to high performance made to measure products. Roma developed the patented Contour Body Mapping system which allows an athlete to be fitted for their sports wheelchair through a state of the art measuring system.

This was the first product to be manufactured in Bridgend and since then, the sports wheelchair portfolio has grown considerably. The range also includes basketball, tennis, rugby league, table tennis, badminton, skate park and dance chairs. Roma has also developed a multi-sports chair that can be utilised through various sports for young budding athletes through schools.

Since its introduction, Roma has been proud to have manufactured chairs for all four Invictus Games, supplying a selection of chairs for rugby, basketball and tennis. The company is also affiliated with numerous partners including Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby and The Tennis Foundation.

Roma continues to invest in the development of its sports programme through a series of innovation, R&D and the introduction of the latest technology to remain at the forefront of wheelchair sport.

**Steve Hughes**

For some fascinating videos of athletes using Roma wheelchairs, visit www.romamedical.co.uk.

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# The dos and dont's of Drones Club

**WITH the festive season fast approaching, hundreds of local people of all ages will be looking forward to receiving a drone this Christmas morning.**

'Unmanned Aerial Vehicle' (UAV) technology; and with it, affordability, has progressed in leaps and bounds over the last few years making these 'drones' more accessible than ever before.

For us Air Traffic Control (ATC) personnel and our aircrew colleagues who fly in the local area, the accessibility and out-of-the-box flyability of drones poses an ever-increasing threat to aviation safety. You will have seen and read news stories about close encounters between aircraft (carrying between one and over 500 people) and drones, and it is accepted industry-wide that a collision with potentially catastrophic results is a matter of when, not if.

Hopefully if you are planning to buy a drone for a family member this Christmas or if you're looking forward to receiving one yourself, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has a healthy stock of publications for you to read to allow you to enjoy your drone safely and responsibly.

These materials can be found at *www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones/ and dronesafe.uk/*.

It's important to think about where and how you're flying your drone, especially in busy portions of airspace like the Vale. Flying a drone anywhere between Nash Point and Cardiff Bay, especially in the immediate vicinity of Cardiff and St Athan aerodromes, could pose a danger to aircraft and should be avoided where possible.

If you would still like to fly your drone in this area and have any questions or concerns about the safety of your flight then please call either Cardiff ATC (24 hours a day) on 01446 752094 or St Athan ATC (8am-5pm) on 01446 798889 beforehand.

The friendly staff will help you with your queries and take down some details about your proposed flight in order to enable controllers to keep manned aircraft safely informed about your drone.

Thank you, and safe flying.

**Jamie Harburn, Air Traffic Controller, Serco ATC, MoD St Athan.**

## PSSTTA Christmas fair

**PORTHCAWL St Sébastien Town Twinning Association (PSSTTA) will host a Christmas craft fair on Saturday, November 17 from 1pm – 4pm at Trinity Church, John Street, Porthcawl.**

This is a great opportunity to buy some early Christmas gifts and get into the festive spirit. Refreshments will be available and admission is free.

# 'Choose Toffee...'

**TOFFEE is a sensitive six-year-old collie cross.**

He will need to get to know new owners very slowly, so multiple visits to the centre will be required. Once he knows you, he is happy to have a fuss.

Toffee has always lived with other dogs, so we would like him to live with an established dog already in the home to help him adapt. He is looking for a committed owner who can offer him a quiet, stable home.

Canine carer Hannah said: "Toffee is a sweet lad who just needs some time to get to know you. He will be ideal for people looking for a loyal companion."

If you would like to know more about Toffee, telephone 01656 725219 visit the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG, or search on www.dogstrust.org.uk.

*Toffee and Hannah.*


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## People at risk of losing sight due to lack of regular health checks

Diabetes affects an estimated 4.6 million people in the UK[1], yet 40% of the British public are unaware that blindness is one of diabetes' biggest complications[2].

Specsavers is dedicated to raising awareness of good eye care in both detecting and managing the condition – especially as research from Specsavers and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) shows one in five adults are unaware that opticians can check for indicators of the condition[3].

Dr Nigel Best, clinical spokesperson at Specsavers says: 'Diabetes is one of the fastest growing health conditions today – fuelled by record levels of obesity, excessive sugar consumption and sedentary lifestyles. If we continue to turn a blind eye to the risk of developing type 2 diabetes as a result, we can only expect to see the number of undiagnosed cases escalate.

'Diabetic retinopathy is one of the leading causes of blindness among people of working age in the UK[4] so it's hugely important that diabetes is detected early and monitored correctly to avoid furthering the risks.

'At Specsavers, we offer digital retinal photography. This takes a detailed picture of the back of your eye and the microcirculation of blood – helping to highlight indicators of diabetes that need addressing.

Eye screening is also a key part of your diabetes care and people with diabetes should have routine screenings done every one to two years by an optometrist. Contact your local GP or local diabetic screening service for more information.

Sophie Castell, Director of Relationships at RNIB, says: 'Sadly, all too often, people with diabetes can lose their sight due to complications. Yet with early detection and treatment, sight loss due to diabetic retinopathy can be prevented. Regular eye tests are important for everyone, but especially for people living with diabetes who should also ensure they attend appointments for specialist diabetic eye screening. It's a few minutes that could save your sight.'

[1] https://www.diabetes.org.uk/resources-s3/2017-11/diabetes_in_the_uk_2010.pdf

[2] https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/over-40-of-people-unaware-diabetes-can-lead-to-blindness-

[3] State of the Nation's Eye Health, Specsavers/ RNIB 2016 http://www.rnib.org.uk/knowledge-and-research-hub-research-reports/prevention-sight-loss/stateofthenation

[4] http://www.rnib.org.uk/sites/default/files/RNIB_evidence_based_review_of_working_age_people.pdf

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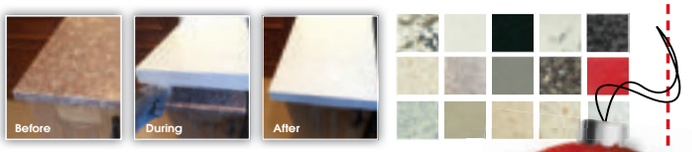


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# Barry Rotary Club makes donation to local shop

*From left: volunteers Mary Hodges, Gemma Ismail, Rotary Club secretary Ann Harrhy and president Jill Osborne, volunteers Violet Jenkins, Barbara Harris and co-ordinator Nona Hexter.*

**THE Rotary Club of Barry has donated a pair of microwaves to the Senior Health Shop on Holton Road in Barry.**

The Senior Health Shop is part of Age Connects and aims to improve, said a spokesperson, "...the health and wellbeing for older people in the Vale by providing a place to meet with cafe facilities, serving food and drink at reasonable cost where people can meet, make new friends and reduce isolation".

The spokesperson continued, saying: "It is also a centre for information provided by staff and volunteers who are trained as 'dementia friends'."

Activities include a variety of exercise, craft and social classes, all of which are dementia friendly.

Nona Hexter, project co-ordinator for Age Connects said she was "delighted" that the Rotary Club had donated the two microwaves and that they would be "invaluable".

Anyone wanting further information should call in to the cafe or phone Barry 732385 where staff and volunteers will be happy to give further information.

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# PACT meetings across the Vale

WHY not come along to **GIBBONSDOWN** 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

There will be a PACT meeting for **GIBBONSDOWN** residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, on Thursday, November 13.

Meet your local Officers at **PENARTH LEISURE CENTRE** at 10am on Thursday, November 8.

There will be coffee and chat at the **CARNE ARMS, LLYSWORNEY,** at 11am on Thursday, November 8.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where there are contact details for your local PCSO and they can be contacted directly for non emergency matters.

**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**
**CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**
**Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990**
**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012**
**Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth**

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| Application No:/Rhif y cais: | 2018/01132/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Extensions/alterations including, entrance lobby/toilet to kitchen; dining room; removal of roof gables; removal of dormer windows to bedroom and replace with flat roof dormer. |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Greystones, Factory Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge |
| Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth | Llanblethian |

**Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth**

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| Application No:/Rhif y cais: | 2018/01187/CAC |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Part demolition of derelict barn and stables at Pwll Sarn Farm |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Pwll Sarn Farm, A48, St. Nicholas |
| Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth | St. Nicholas |

**Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig**

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| Application No:/Rhif y cais: | 2018/01139/LBC |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | The conversion of a former mortuary to a dwelling house - seeking retrospective approval of details reserved by Conditions 3 and 5 listed building consent ref: 2017/00679/LBC |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Woodlands Lodge, Hayes Road, Sully |
| Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig | Grade II* |
| Application No:/Rhif y cais: | 2018/01189/LBC |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Conversion of four listed single storey pitched roof barns into residential accommodation to be used for holiday letting purposes only |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Church Farm Barns, Clemenstone, Cowbridge |
| Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig | Grade II |

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| Application No:/Rhif y cais: | 2018/00987/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Construction of cesspool for the disposal of sewerage from Barry Yacht Club and adjoining former Lifeboat Station |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Barry Yacht Club, The Pierhead, Barry Docks, Barry |
| Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig | Affecting Lifeboat house and the Lifeboat house slipway adjacent to West Breakwater, both Grade II |
| Application No:/Rhif y cais: | 2018/01178/FUL |
| Proposal:/Cynnig: | Proposed indoor swimming pool and replacement garages |
| Location:/Lleoliad: | Sunshine House, Southerndown |
| Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig | Affecting Sunshine House, Southerndown, Grade II |

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# All that jazz (and a bit more besides)

*Rachel Williams.*

**A SULLY woman, who starred in the musical *Cats*, is returning to south Wales with her own one-woman show.**

Rachel Williams, who has performed on the London stage and in Paris and Hollywood, is appearing at the cabaret bar at Wales Millennium Centre on Saturday, November 24. The show is autobiographical and a mixture of jazz, musical comedy and Hollywood classics.

Rachel said: "It's a whistle-stop tour, from my first glimpse of the limelight in an Aberystwyth Chapel, through London ballet classes and stage school to principal dancer at the Moulin Rouge, via some LA Hollywood schmooze, to a long-running role in *Cats* on the West End."

For more information, contact Wales Millennium Centre on 02920 636464.

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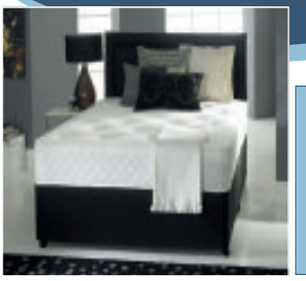

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# Local councillor's charity vinyl release raises £6,460 for Ty Hafan

**A BARRY councillor has helped to raise £6,460 for the local children's hospice Ty Hafan following the sell-out release of a charity compilation on vinyl.**

Cllr Vincent Bailey runs a 'vaporwave' record label called 'My Pet Flamingo' with his brother Jerome Sabourin, and the release of their latest compilation (Flamingo Funk Volume 1) sold out in just minutes last month, raising a significant sum for two UK charities.

Cllr Bailey said he was "extremely proud" to have raised the sum and visited Ty Hafan with the good news this week.

He said: "The work they do with the children is remarkable, and you only have to visit them to know that every penny you raise is going to be hugely appreciated.

"It's hard to imagine ever having to face such a tough diagnosis for your child and the staff who work at Ty Hafan are literally angels. It was incredibly moving to speak to them and see first-hand what they do.

"We were particularly impressed with the facilities they have in the music therapy room – which is appropriate, given our involvement as a small record label."

The record sold out in minutes, with more than 1,000 copies selling on vinyl and several hundred more on cassette, CD and minidisc formats.

It is still available as a digital download via the My Pet Flamingo bandcamp website: mypetflamingo.bandcamp.com. All sales will continue to go to Ty Hafan and London charity 'Our Barn,' which supports children with special needs.

*Cllr Vincent Bailey and Jerome Sabourin making the presentation to Ty Hafan support care manager James Hale (centre) this week.*

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# Rhod's charity China trek for Velindre

**COMEDIAN Rhod Gilbert will be pulling on his trekking boots for the fifth time as he treks along the Great Wall of China.**

Having conquered the 19,340ft of Mount Kilimanjaro, trekked to the top of Craig Goch to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Welsh people arriving in Patagonia, led a trek through Peru to the lost, but then found, Inca city of Machu Picchu in 2018, he is due to trek through the Helambu region in Nepal next February 2019.

The trek will once again raise funds for Wales' premier Cancer Centre, Velindre, where Rhod is a patron.

As Rhod has no plans to lead any treks in space, join him on this epic challenge.

Minimum sponsorship for this trip is £4,000, and a non-refundable booking deposit of £200 will secure your place.

*Further information can be found at: www.velindrefundraising.com/events/great-wall-of-china-trek-08-may-2020; or email: info@velindrefundraising.com.*

# Farmers are warned over targeted fraud

**THIS December, Tarian the Regional Organised Crime Unit for southern Wales is expecting an influx of calls and emails to the farming community, attempting to trick them out of their money.**

Following similar annual patterns when farmers receive their funding from the Basic Payment Scheme, the police anticipate they will be targeted by the same attempts to fraudulently part with their cash.

Criminals have been known to pose as banks, as well as authorities such as the police, to attempt to extort money though illegitimate means. They will either contact the victims via telephone, email or in person and request that money be moved to 'safer' locations, due to bogus security issues.

They will create a sense of urgency and may even know minor details about the victims to convince them they are genuine.

If you or anyone know is affected by fraud and cybercrime, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report the matter as soon as possible.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Brewery Field hosts charity match

**A SPECIAL anniversary charity match, marking 40 years since Bridgend RFC played the All Blacks, takes place on Friday, November 9 at Morganstone Brewery Field (kick off 7.30pm).**

A 'Gareth Williams Select 15' will play a 'Home Nations Deaf Rugby 15'.

Admission is £5 and all proceeds go to the MSA Trust, which supports people suffering from multiple system atrophy.

### Dinas Powys Players

**THE Dinas Powys Players will present *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on November 15, 16 and 17.**

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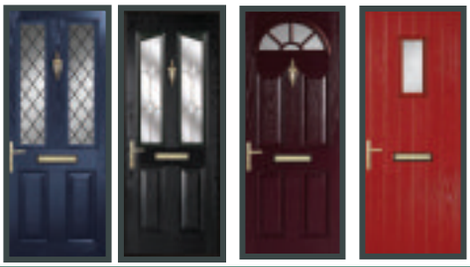

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# Out & About with The GEM

## *Juliet, Naked* is a charming little comedy...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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**NICK HORNBY'S move from the page to the screen has been pretty successful, both in terms of his books being made for film (*High Fidelity* and *About A Boy* in particular) and also his script work on *An Education*, *Wild* and *Brooklyn*.**

His book *Juliet, Naked* is the latest to reach the big screen, under the auspices of *Girls* director Jesse Perez, which tells the story of Annie (Rose Byrne), whose relationship with boyfriend Duncan (Chris O'Dowd) is feeling jaded.

When Annie comes across an old demo tape of now-faded singer-songwriter Tucker Crowe (Ethan Hawke), Duncan's musical hero, her pithy online review draws the attentions of the reclusive Crowe and the pair strike up an unlikely relationship...

A Venn diagram of Nick Hornby subject matter would be dominated by affairs of the heart and music, so *Juliet, Naked* is very much Hornby's happy space, but the question is, how does the book work when transposed to the big screen?

The answer is reasonably well; a film that has a charming and inoffensive presence about it that focuses on the hopes we leave behind to forge ahead with our lives, and whether these hopes can be salvaged when things go awry.

It has a cast that is both top-drawer yet also hugely likeable, and it comes across in the performances. Rose Byrne is vastly underrated as a performer, and here she's brilliant as a woman whose body clock and ambitions are waking up 15 years too late.

It's a straighter performance than you might expect, but it's one that is spot-on, wonderfully nailing the ennui of her character.

Chris O'Dowd is equally good, his love of Tucker Crowe and the mystique that surrounds him making himself closed off to Annie and her feelings, and O'Dowd plays the slightly pompous and unaware Duncan with a pleasing tone.

Ethan Hawke's credentials speak for themselves, but as the man behind the myth, he's awkwardly charming and likeable. Collecting ex-partners and children like gold discs, he's a man who has turned his back on fame to live his life, but whose past is constantly echoing around him.

It's a turn delivered laconically, but Crowe's reasons for turning his back on his music career, and the constant audio references to his seminal album *Juliet*, hint at darker issues that Hawke conveys with subtlety.

Among the writers who have developed Hornby's prose for the big screen here is Jim Taylor, whose work has most notably been with Alexander Payne – the likes of *Sideways* and *Election* – and you can see something of a join with those works in the way the story draws laughs from true-to-life scenarios, finding the humour and the pathos in the lives of relatable people.

Director Jesse Peretz' CV is littered with top-quality TV (*Girls, Divorce*) and slightly-less-auspicious films (*The Ex*), but his direction here veers more towards the former than the latter.

This isn't a story that requires much in the way of visual flair, but Peretz' direction has a warm and gentle glow about it, dovetailing the tone of the story and making it low-key but gently impressive.

In fact, its low-key nature is one of the flaws of the film; as the story develops you never feel it pick up the pace, and as things develop for the characters there is no dramatic push and pull.

Instead, it just flows into one (which leads to an ending that feels quite abrupt, especially given how much we are asked to latch on to these characters), which takes a little of the shine off proceedings.

However, *Juliet, Naked* is a satisfying film, one that unspools gently but connects enough to make it a subtle and pleasing film. It's perhaps a little too soft to really resonate any longer than it has to, but while in its company, you'll enjoy it.

**VERDICT:** Nick Hornby's latest book to hit the big screen, *Juliet, Naked* is a thoroughly charming comedy that may lack bite, but not to its detriment. Enjoyable performances and an engaging plot offer up plenty to savour, even if it ends up feeling a little too one-note. *Enjoyable*.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *High Fidelity* (2000), *You've Got Mail* (1998).

## Lunchtime concerts at All Saints

**MAKING a return visit to All Saints' Church for the next of its free lunchtime concerts on Monday, November 12 is mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Sillo.**

Elizabeth also brings along with her accompanist Dorothy Singh and violinist Davinder Singh.

The concert will also include a short introduction by Alun Davies, the Honorary Hungarian Consul of Wales.

The Music at Lunchtime weekly concerts are free entry, with an option to donate. Donations are shared between the church and a charity of the performer's choice. Elizabeth has chosen Tŷ Hafan and the Kodaly Violin School.

The concerts commence at 1pm and last around an hour, with doors open for refreshments in the gallery from 12.30pm.

*For more information, see www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk, call Dafydd G Jones on 02920 70 31 70 or email admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk.*

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## What's on and where in your area

### Ward Councillors' surgery

**THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for the Gibbonsdown and Court Wards will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, November 10 at Parkside Christian Centre, St Brides Way, Barry from 10am until 11am. No appointment necessary.**

### Valeways guided walks

**ON Sunday, November 11 at 2pm a circular coastal path walk will take place; meet in the car park on the seafront at Gileston.**

On Monday, November 12 at 11am Somerset Views: meet at the railway station car park at Rhoose.

On Wednesday, November 14 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry will meet at 10.30am at Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap in Barry.

On the same day at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge will meet at the Physic Garden fountain.

On Friday, November 16 at 10am a City circular walk takes place; meet at The Barley Mow in Graig Penllyn, The Rhiw (CF71 1RT).

### Art Society

**ON Thursday, November 8, there will be an assisted workshop at Cowbridge Art Society, run by maritime painter David Phillips.**

On Thursday, November 15 the society's winter exhibition opens in the Old Hall. A number of awards will be made to the winners of different categories of artwork by curator and art lecturer Heather Parnell.

The society welcomes artists of any level and non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm-9pm and visitors and new members are welcome. For further information, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or visit www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

### AM's surgery

**VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Friday, November 9 from 4pm-5pm at St Athan Old School Hall, Church Lane.**

Ms Hutt will be accompanied by a benefits advisor who can provide details of support that is available for anyone with queries about Universal Credit.

### Church bazaar

**BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, November 10 between 1pm and 4pm. Lots of stalls and a raffle, £1 entry includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit.**

We are situated between Poundstretchers and the medical centre in the temporary office on the waterfront. Funds go towards the building fund for the new community centre.

### Books, bakes and bric-a-brac

**ON Saturday, November 10 from 10.30am to 12.30pm a sale will be held: cakes, a large variety of pre-loved books, lots of lovely bric-a-brac and a raffle with an array of prizes – stock up for Christmas!**

Come join us for a cuppa and a mince pie, car parking available. All proceeds go towards keeping our community library going and growing...

### Last Post in Barry

**BARRY War Museum say that a bugler will sound *Last Post* at 2 pm on Remembrance Sunday in Barry.**

The Deputy Mayor and husband will be representing the Vale Council and they are hoping the weather will be kind to allow Gareth to be able to proceed with his sand drawing of a World War 1 soldier in front of the eastern shelter.

### Armistice Day in Penarth

**AN Armistice Day parade takes place in Penarth on Remembrance Sunday, November 11.**

The parade will leave Station Approach at 9.45am and proceed via Rectory Road to the Garden of Remembrance at the corner of Alexandra Park.

After the wreath laying ceremony, the parade moves on St Augustine's Church for the service which starts at 10.30am.

After the service, the parade will reform and proceed via Albert Crescent, Albert Road and Windsor Road to the Ex-Servicemen's Club where the parade will terminate for refreshments. Penarth Yacht Club will hold a short service at 10.30am to remember those members who lost their lives.

### Remembrance at Lavernock

**THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock will host a meditative Remembrance service at 3pm on Sunday, November 11.**

There will be appropriate hymns, Bible readings and poetry and a short reflection by Rev Margaret Stark; poppies and candles will add to the atmosphere of the occasion.

There is free parking to the left of Fort Road as one approaches the church. Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the service; any enquiries to 02920 701303.

### Barry Floral Society

**BARRY Floral Society are preparing for Christmas at the St Nicholas community hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry. On Tuesday, November 13 members will enjoy a demonstration by Mrs Pat Llewlyn of Ammanford entitled 'Christmas Moments with Flowers'.**

On November 20 members will be busy with glitter, ribbons, candles, baubles and holly. Both meetings commence at 2.15pm.

On Tuesday, November 27 the club's annual Christmas coffee morning/exhibition will take place from 10.30am to 12pm. This year a donation will be made to the club's chosen charity Ty Robin Goch, Barry.

### Penarth Computer club

**PENARTH Computer Club will meet at 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on November 13.**

The topic this month is 'Exploring the uses and misuses of PowerPoint', illustrated with some historical trivia. Visitors welcome.

### PACT meetings

**WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12pm.**

PACT for Gibbonsdown residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise on Thursday, November 13.

Meet Your Local Officers at Penarth Leisure Centre at 10am on Thursday, November 8.

Coffee and chat at the Carne Arms, Llysworney at 11am on Thursday, November 8.

### Floral arrangement

**PORTHCAWL Floral Arrangement Society will hold an open evening on Wednesday, November 14 at 7.30pm at The Stage Door, The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.**

There will be a flower demonstration by Katherine Kear of NAFAS, entitled 'Myths, Mince and Merriment.' Tickets £12, with coffee and mince pies with donations to local charities; all welcome.

### Cowbridge U3A

**THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'RNLI – Saving Lives at Sea and Along the Shore' by John Humphreys at 2pm on Wednesday, November 14 in Cowbridge Town Hall.**

Visitors welcome for a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

### PACT meetings

**YNYSAWDRE PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Tuesday, November 15 at 6pm.**

**Llangeinor PACT** at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor on Wednesday, November 21 at 5.30pm.

**Blackmill PACT** at Blackmill Community Centre on Monday, November 19 at 6.30pm.

**Bettws PACT** at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, November 8 at 2pm.

**Sarn and Bryncoch PACT** at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, December 3 at 7pm.

### Tabernacle Bridgend concert

**TABERNACLE Choir Bridgend is looking forward to helping you get in the Christmas mood with a Christmas celebration concert at Tabernacle Church, Bridgend on November 30 at 7pm.**

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# Special ceremony will honour Penarth's Victoria Cross soldiers

**by Dr Jonathan Hicks**

**ON Friday, November 9 at 11am, a special ceremony will take place in the Garden of Remembrance, Rectory Road in Penarth.**

Two memorial stones (kindly donated by the UK National Government) honouring Captain Richard Wain and Serjeant Samuel Pearse will be unveiled as part of the town's commemoration of the centenary of the signing of the Armistice in November 1918.

Each man won a posthumous Victoria Cross during the Great War of 1914-1919.

Relations of the two soldiers are travelling from as far afield as Scotland and Bournemouth to pay their respects. There will also be members of each man's regiment and a representative of the Australian Government present.

Following the ceremony, a special one-day exhibition on Penarth's role in the Great War will be staged at the Paget Rooms in Penarth. This event starts immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony and closes at 4 pm on Friday, November 9. There is no charge for entry and it is open to all.

Exhibitors at the exhibition will include Dr Jonathan Hicks who will be telling the stories of the two VC heroes, the Western Front Association, re-enactors from the Great War Society in period uniforms and kit, and Penarth Wargames Club who will be re-enacting battles of the Great War in miniature.

St Augustine's Church will be displaying the results of their research into the men listed on their church war memorial and other local historians will also be showing visitors their research. St Cyres School choir will be singing period songs and there will be a special showing of Peter Jackson's new colourised film *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

***Dr Jonathan Hicks tells the stories of these two gallant men.***

**Richard William Leslie Wain** was born at 4 Victoria Square in Penarth on December 5, 1896. His father was a solicitor who worked at Bank Buildings in St Mary Street in Cardiff. His elder sister, Elsie Madeline, was born in January 1896. His grandfather, also named Richard Wain, was a hotelier first in Brynmawr, and later in Penarth.

Richard lived with his parents, grandparents and three servants at The Knoll on Cog Road in Sully from about 1901 to around 1906. His father, Harris Wain, was a manager at Sully National School when Glamorgan Council took over the school in 1905.

After attending the Llandaff Cathedral School Richard was sent to St Bees, a prestigious independent school in Cumberland, and was educated there from 1911 to 1914.

He passed the Higher Certificate, Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, joined the Officer Training Corps, and was the holder of a house scholarship. Intending to go to Oxford University, his plans were halted by the events of the summer of 1914.

He joined the 7th (Reserve) Battalion of the Welsh Regiment, a cyclist battalion which never saw active service. Richard transferred to the 16th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, with whom he underwent basic training.

He was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment on July 3, 1915 and joined the 17th Battalion on July 16, 1915 at Belton Park, Grantham. After completing their training at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain the battalion was posted to France in November. Richard joined them some time afterwards as a second lieutenant.

***Lt Richard Wain.***

The next few months were spent on guard duties, forming working parties taking supplies up to the front line and repairing trenches and barbed wire. At the end of June they moved to the Somme area in preparation for the great attack.

On the evening of June 30, 1916 the battalion moved into the assembly trenches north-east of Maricourt and at 8.30am the following morning, Richard and A Company advanced towards the German lines.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth Callan-Macardle (killed on July 10) wrote later: *'The ground was so rough and broken with shell holes that when I lay down under our barrage, I found myself ahead of the first line – I had four men left.*

*"The 17th had advanced too quickly. We had done it all at the slowest walk and been quite unchecked – so we lay down for 40 minutes, under the shells, waiting. Waiting is hard. We were to rush the village at 9:56. 'The time came. I was watching A Company to see them rise and the seconds ticked on. I hailed a serjeant and asked him, shouting in his ear, where his officers were. "All gone, Sir!" he shouted back.*

*I caught a glimpse of young Wain, his face haggard with pain, one leg soaked with blood, smoking a cigarette and pushing himself forward with a stick. His voice was full of sobs and tears of pain and rage. "Get up you bastards. Blast your souls – get up". I waved to him and he smiled and dropped – he knew it was not absolutely up to him any longer.*

*We of B Company took over, for he was the last of A Company's officers and their serjeant major was also killed.*

*We were enfiladed from our left (where another battalion had failed to advance) by machine gun and rifle fire.*

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Some pleasure steamers from the Clyde even steamed all the way to Russia.

A total of 13 paddle steamers from the famous White Funnel Fleet of P & A Campbell, served in the war and two of the steamers were sunk on active service in 1915. Four Campbell paddle steamers: *Britannia, Ravenswood, Glen Usk* and *Glen Gower*, which will be remembered by many older Barry residents, also served in the Second World War.

The books are available from the Silver Star Decorating and Home Improvement store, opposite the Dock Offices clock on Barry Docks.

## Victoria Cross soldiers are set to be honoured

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Richard was by now unable to walk and was evacuated back to the Regimental Aid Post and then via a field ambulance to a casualty clearing station. The wound to his leg was so serious that he was evacuated back to Britain, where he spent time recovering from his injuries.

After making a full recovery, he was transferred to the heavy branch of the Machine Gun Corps on January 2, 1917 and was posted to A Battalion in France where he underwent training in the new weapon: the tank.

In April he spent 10 days' leave in Paris and on returning joined his unit in Belgium where preparations were underway for the great battle of Messines. By now promoted to the rank of lieutenant, on June 7 he led his crew on the first day of the attack across marshy ground – totally unsuitable for tanks.

A piece of shell from a British artillery barrage struck his tank and wounded one of the crew. Eventually his tank became stuck in No Man's Land and the following night the tanks were withdrawn.

On August 22 he was promoted to the rank of captain and was wounded again two days later. He led his tank section during the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele), but again the ground conditions were unsuitable for tank deployment.

Aged just 20, Richard Wain won his Victoria Cross later that same year.

At dawn on November 20, 1917, his tank moved forward from its concealed position around the village of Gouzeaucourt, using low gears to reduce the noise. This was the first day of the Battle of Cambrai when 378 tanks took part in an attempt to break through the German line between Trescault and Gonnelieu.

The German troops were terrified by the approach of these lumbering machines emerging out of the early morning mist but there were pockets of resistance.

Richard was in the leading tank of his section of No 1 Company. He was in charge of A Battalion, Section 1, consisting of tanks A1, A2 and A3. He was on board A2 'Abou-Ben-Adam II', commanded by Lieutenant Christopher William Duncan. His orders were to proceed in the direction of Good Old Man Farm towards Marcoing and assist the infantry in their advance.

They crossed the German line, the Hindenburg Line, and cleared the enemy defenders as they went. The infantry were then held up by a strongpoint consisting of a machine gun post with a trench mortar in the Hindenburg Support Line and called for assistance from the tanks.

One by one, Richard's tank section was knocked out by fire from a trench mortar battery. His own tank was hit five times before it was stopped. A2 was knocked out on the ridge between Villers-Plouich and Marcoing, near Good Old Man Farm.

His crew were by now all dead or wounded. Richard himself was badly wounded but jumped out of the tank, accompanied by another member of the crew.

One of the crew, Private Joseph Mossman, described what happened next: *Captain Wain and Stower made a dash for the trench which was nearer their door. Roberts and I left by the opposite door and were fired on by a German rifleman at point blank range. Fortunately he was a poor shot and we made the trench.*

*Our only weapons were revolvers carried by Captain Wain, Roberts and myself. Captain Wain got on the parados (the back of the trench) and threw German 'tater-masher' bombs into the long grass.*

*He then picked up a Lewis machine gun and advanced towards the strongpoint, firing as he went. Capturing the German strongpoint, he took several prisoners and destroyed four trench mortars and two machine guns. He refused medical attention.'*

Rifleman Walter Wilkinson wrote later: '*I chanced to look back at the disabled tank. As I did so, Captain Wain, with his tunic torn away at the front, his chest covered in blood, and in a pretty bad way, jumped into the trench by my side and shouted, "Give me a bloody rifle!" That's all he said. I saw him snatch a rifle, put it to his shoulder, fire two rounds, and was himself shot dead in the head. He dropped, a lifeless corpse, by my side.'*

Richard Wain was taken unconscious to a dressing station where he died.

His Victoria Cross was announced in The London Gazette on February 13, 1918: '*For most conspicuous bravery in command of a section of Tanks.*

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# The incredible story of men's bravery

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*During an attack the Tank in which he was, was disabled by a direct hit near an enemy strong point which was holding up the attack. Captain Wain and one man, both seriously wounded, were the only survivors.*

*Though bleeding profusely from his wounds, he refused the attention of stretcher-bearers, rushed from behind the Tank with a Lewis gun, and captured the strongpoint, taking about half the garrison prisoners. Although his wounds were very serious he picked up a rifle and continued to fire at the retiring enemy until he received a fatal wound in the head. It was due to the valour displayed by Captain Wain that the infantry were able to advance.'*

He was buried about 200 yards south-east of his tank besides the Villers-Plouich-Marcoing Road but the grave was later lost and he is now commemorated on the Louverval Memorial, as are Lieutenant Duncan and Private John Alfred Browning, the other dead members of the crew. Richard's Victoria Cross was only the second to be won by a soldier serving with the Tank Corps and the only one awarded to the Tank Corps at Cambrai.

**Sergeant Samuel George Pearse** was born at 47, Arcot Street in Penarth on July 16, 1897. He was the eldest of six children. His father George had served in the Grenadier Guards before losing an eye in a shooting accident.

George trained as a stonemason before working as a cement burner at the South Wales Portland Cement and Lime Company, situated between Penarth and Lavernock. Samuel attended the National School in Penarth before working on a large neighbouring estate. By now the family was living at 10 Salop Place and later at 60 Salop Street.

During this period he saved the life of a four-year-old boy who was in danger of being run down by a bolting horse and carriage.

In 1911, George Pearse, Samuel and his younger brother Robert emigrated to Mildura, Victoria in Australia. The following year, Sarah Pearse and the rest of the children joined them. Here Samuel worked as a grape picker, sheep shearer, rabbit trapper and shot foxes. He also worked on a dairy farm.

One day Samuel saved the life of a small child who had fallen into an underground water tank. He dived in and brought her to the surface and she suffered no ill effects. On another occasion he saved a girl from being gored by a bull.

By 1915, Samuel was working on a river boat, baiting lines and mending nets. He was also serving in the local militia, the 73rd Infantry Company of the Legion of Frontiersmen.

In July 1915, two weeks after his 18th birthday, Samuel joined the 7th Battalion of the Australian Army. He embarked from Melbourne on September 10 and spent two months in Egypt.

He arrived at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, on December 6 where he served until just before

*Sgt Samuel Pearse.*

Christmas Day when the battalion was evacuated to Lemnos.

On March 31, 1916 the battalion arrived at Marseilles and travelled north to the area of the Somme, entering the line at Fleurbaix on May 3. Preparations were now underway for the great Somme offensive, which began on July 1.

Samuel saw his first major action on the Somme during the battle for Mouquet Farm later that month. In August he was transferred to the 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company and was wounded on his very first day of service when he was concussed as the result of a near miss by a German high explosive shell. The wound, however, was not serious and he was back in action four days later. In November he was again admitted to hospital.

In January 1917 he was charged with going absent without leave for a third time and forfeited 21 days' pay.

The Third Battle of Ypres, more commonly known as the Battle of Passchendaele, began on July 31, 1917. Samuel's company took part in one of its constituent battles – the Battle of the Menin Road – on September 18. That night a flickering light was observed across No Man's Land and, taking a pistol and a bag of bombs, Samuel set off to investigate.

As he drew nearer he saw a German machine-gun post so he crawled closer and threw two Mills bombs over the parapet into the German position, killing or wounding the machine-gun crew; the remainder he drove off with his pistol. Later in the same battle he acted as a runner, carrying messages under heavy fire, and brought wounded men in from the battlefield. For these actions he was awarded the Military Medal.

His citation in the London Gazette on December 12 1917 read: '*For courage and resource on outpost duty, and services as a runner during fighting east of Ypres.*'

Samuel spent six weeks in hospital during 1917, suffering from severe bronchial catarrh. In November he was promoted to lance corporal and subsequently to corporal in April 1918.

In January 1918, while on leave at Harrowby Recreational Camp near Grantham in Lincolnshire, he met Kitty Knox and they became engaged in early May. Just a few days later he took part in the attack on Ville-sur-Ancre, where he suffered a foot wound. He was evacuated to Edmonton Military Hospital and was on sick leave until the end of June.

He again went absent without leave in August 1918 and was reduced to the ranks after a court martial. In January 1919 he was hospitalised once more with bronchial catarrh and had the middle toe on his right foot amputated. He applied for discharge from the Australian Army on May 23, 1919 and immediately applied to join the Royal Fusiliers in order to serve in the north Russia campaign.

Samuel and Kitty were married on June 1, 1919 at Houghton-le-Spring in County Durham.

He joined the 45th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who were then ordered to Russia. The North Russian Relief Force had been formed to protect allied supplies which were being sent to the White Russian forces then engaged in a struggle against the Russian Revolutionaries of the Red Army. Given his experience, Samuel was soon promoted to the rank of serjeant.

On August 29, 1919 north of Emtsa, a village on the Archangel to Vologda railway line, his actions resulted in the award of the Victoria Cross.

The citation for his Victoria Cross in the London Gazette on October 21, 1919 stated: '*For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice during the operation against the enemy battery position north of Emtsa (North Russia) on the 29th August 1919.*

*Serjeant Pearse cut his way through enemy barbed wire under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and cleared a way for the troops to enter the battery position. Seeing that a blockhouse was harassing our advance and causing us casualties, he charged the blockhouse single-handed, killing the occupants with bombs.*

*This gallant non-commissioned officer met his death a minute later, and it was due to him that the position was carried with so few casualties. His magnificent bravery and utter disregard for personal danger won for him the admiration of all troops.*'

Samuel Pearse was 22 years of age. His daughter, named Victoria Catherine after his gallantry award, was born in February 1920. Samuel was buried in the Obozerskaya Burial Ground. He is also commemorated on a special memorial in Archangel Allied Cemetery.

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# Dinas Powys will remember the fallen on Armistice Day

**SUNDAY, November 11, 2018, marks the centenary of Armistice Day and to mark the end of the First World War, Dinas Powys is hosting a series of events which will culminate in a Remembrance concert on Saturday, December 1.**

The concert will feature Monmouth Male Voice Choir and takes place at St Peter's Church at 7pm.

The local community council has sponsored a 'Silent Soldier', which has been placed next to the war memorial on the Twyn at the village square.

An exhibition commemorating residents who died during the First World War will be on display in the window of 'Head to Head' in the centre of the village.

Because of the significance of this centenary year, the timings and format of the annual Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 11, have been changed.

The service will start at 10am at St Peter's Church in Mill Road and at 10.30am, everyone will proceed to the war memorial on the Twyn ready for 10.45am.

Bethesda Chapel are guests of Ebenezer Chapel, Highwalls Road. The service starts at 9.45am and will finish at 10.30am.

The reading of the names of those who died will take place at 10.45am, to be followed by the two-minute silence, a short service and the laying of wreaths.

Those who wish to attend only the wreath laying ceremony are asked to assemble on the Twyn by 10.45am at the latest.

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# Education part 3 1892 – 1914 The Catholic saga: necessary or not? Barry history by Laurie Owen

***LOCAL historian Laurie Owen continues his series on the time (approx 1880 to 1905) when Barry rapidly expanded from a small village to a large town – driven by the opening of Barry Docks.***

**IN 1886, a young Irish doctor arrived in Cadoxton primarily as a GP, but due to his energy and drive, he would be instrumental in the dramatic changes about to happen.**

Peter Joseph O'Donnell 1856-1937 LRCSI (Dublin), served on the first Local Board in 1888 and was chairman of the School Board for 10 years. With the assistance of Father Hyland, Mass was celebrated in 1887 at the doctor's home 'Ardmoyle' on Barry Road and with many Catholics in the area, a school was next on the agenda.

In May 1892, St Helen's Roman Catholic School-Chapel opened on Court Road, with headmistress Mrs Catherine Higgins and 114 children already enrolled.

Built on undisturbed farmland near the police station for £2,000, teachers, books and stationery were financed by the Catholic Authorities and parents helped with maintenance.

In July of that year, Monsignor William Williams of Cardiff made an impassioned plea for his school to be 'recognised' as a public elementary school and thus be eligible for the 17s 6d per pupil grant from the Education Department.

The Local Board had objected to the school being built and were now almost united against such approval, deeming this extra school "unnecessary". As a lone supportive voice on the committee, Dr O'Donnell asserted that religion was the biggest opposition factor, but this was vehemently denied. There were legitimate financial concerns, because every child who attended the Catholic School would mean a loss of 17s 6d to the Board Schools at Cadoxton, East Barry and Holton.

The Monsignor tried repeatedly without success but then after four years, amid 'vigorous protest' by the School Board, the Education Department declared that the school was a "not unnecessary school" and would receive grants in line with all other schools.

Just two years later, with accommodation for 246 children and 361 on the register with an average attendance of 296, permission was given to extend the site to take an additional 56 mixed pupils and 54 infants.

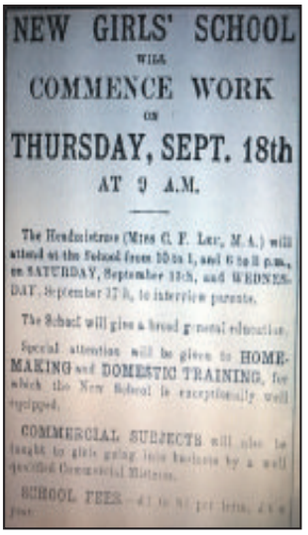
At that time, total school accommodation was for 4,990 pupils with 5,377 on the register and average attendance of 86.3 per cent.

The Education Act of 1902 abolished School Boards and brought all elementary schools under the Local Education Authority of the County Council. It also now provided funds for religious instruction, allowing St Helen's further financial assistance and while the Church of England approved, it was opposed by Nonconformists and the Liberal Party.

Managers of St Helen's School, now rightfully in celebratory mood, soon realised that passing a law was not the same as enforcing a law. Throughout the land there was much resistance to these new rules and Barry Education Authority dragged their heels on every occasion.

WJ Williams caused quite a 'spat' with Dr O'Donnell and Mr McCann, as he resented paying Catholic teachers when they had not appointed them. Following many meetings over several years, the situation escalated to the point where St Helen's secured a barrister to fight their case. Teachers had been submitting their resignations because of unpaid salaries, so an inquiry was held in June 1905.

The following year, the Board of Education instructed Barry UDC to pay salaries, much to the indignation of some councillors.



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In March 1891, a committee sought funds to erect a new school, with Glamorgan CC agreeing to donate £2,000, then a further £300, John Cory JP offering an immediate £125 topped up by private donations of £608. A year later they purchased two acres of land for £600 and then Henry John Money of 1, Park Crescent was awarded the contract in 1894 to build the school for £2,670.

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Rooms were heated by slow combustion stoves and pupils were prepared for university with a curriculum of basic subjects plus Latin, French, maths, algebra, Euclid, book-keeping, shorthand, cookery, physics, chemistry, mechanics and practical education in all trades.

It was recorded that 38 boys and 50 girls sat the first entrance exam.

Edward Davies JP of Llandinam, endowed the school with £1,000, in memory of his father David, the main promoter of the docks in 1884. The interest would finance scholarships for 18 boys and 12 girls, all children of railway company employees, who had attended a Board school for three years, were under 14 and living in a wide area of the Vale. The Governors also had powers to make grants available to some poorer families, including Catholic children.

The 1st annual Speech Day was held in December 1897 at the Romilly Hall, Broad Street, where the headmaster stressed the importance of learning social skills and to this end they now had mixed classes.

Sport also featured, with the boys remaining unbeaten at football but less successful at cricket. Girls were playing hockey and hoping to take up baseball very soon. The time had now come when girls should be given the same opportunities as boys.

Initially with accommodation for 100 students and an average attendance of 126, work was in progress to extend the buildings to take up to 180. Scholarships had been awarded to 26 students with 21 being renewed for a second year. School fees were a £1 per term and the County Council grant was £500pa and even when this was increased to £900pa in 1901, income continued to be a problem.

Before moving on, just a short nostalgic visit to the 1958 copy of the 'Barrian', first printed in April 1900. The editorial committee was led by Gwyn 'Killer' Thomas BA and Brynmor 'Boris' Ashton BA, two masters who introduced us to the wonders of 'Don Quijote and Windmills' and 'Virgil's Aeneid'.

The rest of the team were 'members of sixth form' and this copy had 44 pages, taking us to Australia and the eastern Med with 'Maroulis', plus dramas, poems, music and even 'The Crisis of Man' by Malcolm Luxton.

The first paragraph of the editorial carried me back 60 years to 'Killer' Thomas, musing on the approach of spring and summer: "Even the younger desks within thirty yards of the boiler room have been seen to bud…"

"This was seconded by a skiffle chant of propitiation led by Brian Pitman on washboard and vocally belting out the beat, Kenneth Doble on his double bass, Neil Holmes on his motor bike and Alan Morgan on the skull fragments of the ichthyosaurus, which he dug up near Llantwit".

Barry School Board first suggested a joint enterprise with Cardiff, to erect a Truant School at Dinas Powis in 1891, but eight years passed before it came to fruition.

It was built by ER Evans & Bros of Cardiff near the railway station, on an elevated eight acre site purchased from General Lee for £1,750. The total cost of £14,000 included buildings, roads, eight feet high boundary wall and the handsome lodge at the entrance.

With all the latest fittings and appliances, security was obviously a necessity and windows would only open six inches, to prevent the 120 young boys from absconding. William Davies was Superintendent, remaining in charge until his sudden death from apoplexy in 1919 aged just 51.

It should be remembered that these boys were persistent truants, often described as 'incorrigible' and beyond the control of their parents, but they were not criminals. Parents had been fined 2s to 3s.6d for non-attendance of the local school, but even here they could have to pay a similar amount towards their support.

At the official opening, it was announced that after 'training' at the Quaker's Yard Truant School, the attendance record of boys increased from 5 per cent to 75 per cent. This emphasised that the new school would benefit the finances of the Board, as grants were linked to attendance.

Looking back over the first 20 years (1888-1908), as three small villages developed into a bustling town, educating thousands of newly-arrived children was a huge task.

The men chosen to plan and supervise that project, deserved the respect of not only the first generation, but also those of us who came later and attended those same schools.

Although outside the dates of the original story, these two brief accounts bring to an end how education was established in the early days.

The County School for Girls opened in September 1913 to accommodate 220 scholars, with headmistress Miss CF Lee chosen out of 98 applicants, on a salary of £250pa.

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# Gavin and Stacey Parkrun draws the crowds as Billericay and Barry come together!

*A group of runners from Cardiff. Photographs by Andy Wicks.*

*Thumbs up from 'Penarth and Dinas Runners'.*

*Some runners were in orthodox running gear – while others preferred fancy dress.*

*Runners came from all over south Wales – and some had travelled from Essex.*

**GAVIN AND STACEY fever returned to Barry last Saturday as the inaugural Gavin and Stacey Parkrun was launched.**

Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands, the Mayor of Basildon Borough Council Cllr David Dadds, and Vale MP Alun Cairns joined hundreds of runners, including a sizeable contingent from Billericay, and ANDY WICKS was on hand to capture what was occurin'.

*Left to right, the Mayor of Basildon Cllr David Dadds, Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Cllr Janice Charles Mayor of Barry Town Council, local MP Alun Cairns and a visiting runner from Essex.*

*Hundreds of runners heading down the promenade – in all a park run record 435 people took part.*

## Barry Friends and Neighbours

*ABOVE: A recent FAN Barry meeting, where members were joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt and the Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Leighton Rowlands.*

**FAN (friends and neighbours) groups in Barry this week have discussed: the police, agreeing that they have a difficult job; education, sharing memories of school days; and preparing for Christmas.**

We love welcoming new members to our groups which are free of charge, last for an hour and are open to everyone who is friendly. "I have loved meeting people who are learning English and have made new friends," said a member recently.

You do not have to book and there is no commitment to attend every week, so why not come and enjoy a free hot drink with us while sharing your stories.

We meet every Monday at 2pm in Palmerston Community Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent; every Wednesday at 11.30am in Barry Library; and each Thursday at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island at 2pm.

Come to a FAN Group! It's a great opportunity for local people to meet newcomers; you'll meet friends and neighbours and feel more hopeful for the world.

*For more information email: carolinefan2018@gmail.com.*

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## High Street, Broad Street, Island Road & Market Street, BARRY

# The Ultimate Christmas Experience

# No matter what you need, come down to High Street, Barry – it's the place to shop

**THERE has been a great deal of talk about high streets lately.**

They are under attack – it is said – from online shopping, out of town outlets and big city centres.

I think we would all agree that a thriving high street is important for any town, so it is good to report just how much life there is in High Street, Barry.

It's evident from the sheer numbers of independent traders, all offering goods and services that are individual, personal and far from the identikit clones that are becoming a curse on other high streets.

More than any other shopping area I can think of, High Street Barry has a sense of retailers pulling together and customers noticing and welcoming it.

The High Street Traders have always tried to give something back to the community, and in the run up to Christmas, this year is no different.

Slightly earlier than usual – on Friday, November 16, from 1pm to 6pm – a 'Fairytale Christmas' is planned.

The Christmas lights will be switched on, and Santa will there to greet the children, with festive food and mulled wine, choirs, carol singing, rides and storytellers.

It's a great way to start that festive season feeling, and there's another High Street event to look forward to before the month of November is out.

On Thursday, November 29, the traders will be holding their traditional pre-Christmas late-night shopping event, from 5pm to 8pm, where a warm welcome will be guaranteed and where shoppers can take their time and wander from store to store, away from the bustle of everyday shopping.

It was only the other day when a Welsh Government spokesperson commented on high streets in general and said: "Use it or lose it".

That's not a phrase that should apply to Barry High Street. The phrase implies, I think, that the shopper is making a small sacrifice for the greater good.

That's certainly not the case here in Barry. Shoppers who don't use it are quite simply, losing out.

With so much variety and good, old-fashioned personal service, the shopping experience is an intensely positive one, so make the trip to High Street Barry.

You won't be disappointed.

PHILIP IRWIN

*Sarah, Nathan and the team at Food For Thought.*

# Food For Thought – all that you need for the festive season

**ONE business that is normally busy and expects to get even busier as Christmas approaches is Food For Thought in High Street Barry.**

The deli and takeaway is a hive of activity as customers call in for sandwiches, rolls and the like, but things get really hectic from now on. Their order forms are ready and waiting for customers who want to be well supplied for when the festive season gets going.

As well as the full range of deli items, from chutneys and preserves to coffee and cakes, Food For Thought will be making up bespoke cheese hampers.

Another very popular range is mince pies, with three styles – Viennese, iced top and traditional. Even in the last week of October, the shop supplied about 400, so how many will be sold in December is anyone's guess!

# A warm welcome at High Street's toy shop

*Giggles is a great place for children's toys.*

**High Street's own traditional toy shop, Giggles, promises a magical Christmas this year.**

With even more traditional wooden toys, made from sustainable sources, than ever, it looks like Santa's going to be very busy.

Jill Mathews, Giggles' owner, is looking forward to seeing you all and will be offering a free gift with every purchase from the 'Top Model' range at High Street's Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday, November 29, 5pm to 8pm,

# Vic Hopkins' team ready for Christmas orders

*The team at Vic Hopkins Butchers are ready and waiting for your order!*

**THE team at Vic Hopkins Butchers has announced the safe arrival of this year's Christmas order forms.**

Boss Anthony Hopkins pointed out that with only 47 days until Christmas Day, it's not a moment too soon, and that customers can start taking away the forms to fill in and return.

Anthony said: "It's my 34th Christmas on High Street. I've seen a lot of changes over the years but one thing that's always stayed the same is the excellent produce and customer service that we provide to our customers.

"With decades of experience in dealing with the Christmas rush between us, customer orders couldn't be in safer hands.

"Pick up your Christmas order form soon or drop us an email to: *welshbutchers@yahoo.co.uk* ."


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*Nicola Hopkins of Budding Designs is looking forward to her first Christmas in Barry High Street.*

# New florist's first Christmas on High Street

**THIS year will be the first Christmas on the High Street for Budding Designs Flower Studio.**

Owner Nicola Hopkins qualified at Pencoed Horticultural College in 1993. She said: "It has always been my dream to own my own Florist shop and I am thrilled to be on the High Street with its boutiques and independent shops.

"There is a real buzz and community spirit on the High Street and I have been more than welcomed".

Budding Designs is a florist who offers Hand-Tied Bouquets for all occasions and with its online ordering system (*www.buddingdesigns.co.uk)* it couldn't be easier to get a bouquet delivered.

Nicola said: "We specialise in weddings and have an extensive portfolio of sympathy flowers.

"Join us in the studio on one of the workshops we offer throughout the year, from Christmas door wreaths and table arrangements to flowers crowns and hand-tied bouquet classes. All are welcome to browse our shop full of gifts, homeware, gift vouchers and more."

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# For that unique, handcrafted gift – Homemade Wales is the one!

*Fay Blakeley of Homemade Wales*

**HOMEMADE Wales is packed with beautiful, locally-made, unique handcrafted gifts.**

Local businesswoman Fay Blakeley, the owner of Homemade Wales, explained: "I spend a lot of time throughout the year meeting new makers and artists.

"It's always a thrill for me to bring their work together at this time of year and to see how much it is appreciated by my customers.

"This Christmas, we've got lots of new makers, including three new jewellers."

Fay is particularly excited to be offering an exclusive promotion at both of the High Street Christmas events; the night of the 'Christmas Lights Switch-on', Friday, November 16, and the 'Late Night Shopping Event' on Thursday, November 29.

Fay said: "We'll be giving away a free locally made burner with every soy wax candle or melt purchase, so get yourself along to Homemade Wales, 9 High Street or visit Facebook/Homemade Wales!"

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# Try new treatments at The Beauty Clinic

**THE Beauty Clinic has been an important part of Barry High Street for 13 years now, and during that time owner Michaela Glass has developed its range of treatments, adding extras to continually update the business.**

Michaela's busy appointment book is testament to how this has helped the business develop and stay fresh.

Non surgical face lifts were introduced two months ago and Michaela says the response has been excellent.

She said: "We do the CACI jowl lift and also the CACI eye revive treatment, both non surgical."

The Beauty Clinic has also introduced crystal clear intense pulse light therapy, and another recently added treatment that is proving popular is microblading for eyebrows.

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# Vinylize is new to Broad Street

*Tony Peters of Vinylize alongside his emboidery machine.*

**A NEW business in Broad Street is Vinylize, which offers a full range of embroidered and printed clothing.**

Tony Peters opened two months ago, deciding that he needed larger premises and also a high street presence.

He sells a wide range of T-shirts, hoodies, sports kit and boots, and all can be either printed or embroidered.

You can, of course, buy the clothing unprinted, but then you would miss out on seeing Tony's embroidery machine in action – it's pretty amazing to watch a name appear, almost by magic.

Another aspect of the printing business that Vinylize caters for is transferring family photos onto canvas in a range of sizes – something that is always very popular with Christmas in mind.

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# Quality clothing at Jade Boutique

*Jane James at Jade Boutique.*

**ONE of the many attractions of High Street Barry is the number of independent traders who know and understand the area.**

It is certainly true of Jane James, who runs Jade Boutique. She has been in the present shop, No 74, High Street for three-and-a-half years, but she has been in the area for more than 30.

Jane specialises in quality designer clothing,with Frank Lyman evening wear particularly popular at the moment.

Jade Boutique has quality goods in a wide price range, and Jane's regular customers know this very well.

For Christmas (and all year round) Jade Boutique is a must visit clothing destination.

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# The Ultimate Christmas Experience

## Looking for a new festive outfit? Bryl's Boutique has it all covered

**BRYL'S Boutique has been a fashion haven on Barry's High Street for almost 12 years now.**

Tt's a real family affair and is run by Ann Bryl and her daughters Natasha and Lousha.

Bryl's offers a comprehensive mix of casual and party wear from well known labels such as Ted Baker, French Connection, Joules, Ugg, Rieker and lots lots more.

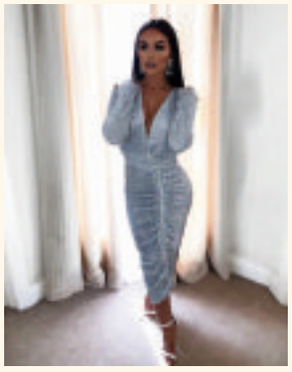
In addition to clothes and footwear, Bryl's also offers a great range of accessories and jewellery.

It's clear from the brief time that I spent in the shop that Ann and her daughters are passionate about fashion and are always adding new brands to the shops offering to ensure the High Street has the best of the best when it comes to fashion.

Another thing is abundantly clear- whatever the occasion, whatever the budget and whatever the age range – they have it covered!

So with Christmas in mind, the Bryl's Boutique is a must to visit!


Bryl's Boutique



Wishing all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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*A warm welcome awaits at the Bryl Boutique.*

## Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith

**CONNECTING Barry High Street and Broad Street is Island Road, and there you will find Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith where 95 per cent of the stock is made in house.**

Robert Linder is in charge in Barry (the company has another branch in Cardiff) and is looking forward to the usual busy period in the run up to Christmas.

He said: "We always get plenty of special commissions, and another popular service is remodelling items that have faded a little with time."

The company's reputation is such that they make items for film and TV companies, but these are strictly 'one-offs' so Bespoke can't put a similar item on sale!

However, they have plenty of their own original items on sale to the public, so pay a visit to Bespoke.

*Items on sale at Bespoke Jewellery.*


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## Have a magic party at the Small Space

*The theatre in the Small Space.*

**If you're part of a small business with only a few members of staff, why not come to a joint Magical Christmas Party.**

The Small Space on Island Road in Barry, The World's Smallest Magic Theatre, is hosting joint Christmas parties every Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (1pm till 5pm) and evenings (7pm till 11pm) in December.

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With its fully licensed upstairs bar, this unique former Victorian shop has been wowing audiences since launching earlier this year.

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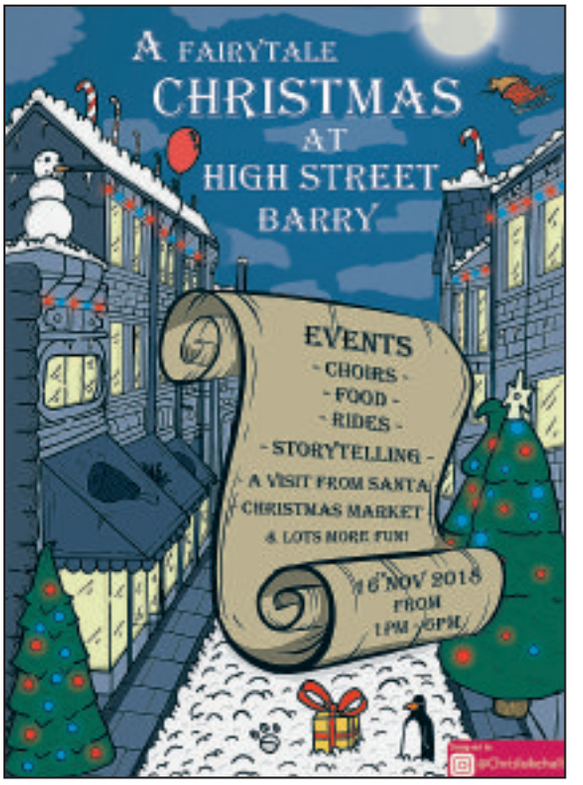


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## A 'Polished' addition to the High Street

**ANOTHER High Street Barry business that is looking forward to its first Christmas is Polished nail bar, which is run by Helen Leech.**

Helen told the GEM: "Business is going really well, and the footfall here in the High Street is excellent."

She has been in these premises for five months now, but Helen's reputation as an expert with nails is well established, as the rave reviews on Polished's Facebook page go to show.

Having a expert nail artiste is pretty good if you are making plans for a special occasion, but Tia Ali, a make up specialist, also runs Face Forum from the same premises, so Polished are offering quality services in two important areas.

*Polished promises to make sure your nails are looking fabulous and ready for the festive season.*

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| Dydd Gwener 16 Tachwedd 2018 | **Barri Stryd Fawr**, rhwng Stryd y farchnad a Stryd Dwyrain<br>**Ynys y Barri Road**, rhwng Broad Street a Heol y Frenhines | 10.30am tan 7.00pm |

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Dyddiedig 8 Tachwedd 2018
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## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2018

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

**WHEREAS** during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will Be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

**THAT**, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

### SCHEDULE

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
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| Friday 16th November 2018 | **High Street Barry,** between Market Street and East Street<br>**Island Road Barry,** between Broad Street and Queen Street | 10.30am to 7.00pm |

**Local Signed Diversions shall be in place**
Dated this 8th day of November 2018
**Director of Environment & Housing**
**Vale of Glamorgan Council**
**The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA**

# Fireworks fiesta at Barry Island lights up the sky!

*Last Saturday night, Barry Island played host to the Rotary Club of Barry-organised Fireworks Fiesta. The event was a huge hit with the large crowd that enjoyed not just the fireworks display but also entertainment from a range of musicians and much, much more. Photographer ROGER HARRISON (cariadus.com, Instagram & Twitter @cariadus) was on hand to capture the fireworks in all their glory.*

# Western Vale Family Practice urges you to beat the flu!

**THE annual flu immunisation programme is well underway and those eligible for a flu vaccine are being urged not to wait.**

Last year only 46.9 per cent of people in risk groups (65+, pregnant, carer, having a long-term health condition), protected themselves against flu, a virus, which can and does kill every year. People older than 65 years of age account for up to 90 per cent of deaths from flu.

This year, those at risk are being urged to get their free vaccination as early as possible from their GP Practice, before the flu season (December to March).

Sister Charlotte Torres, nurse practitioner at Western Vale Family Practice, said: "Flu is a serious illness caused by a virus that affects the lungs and airways. Symptoms generally come on suddenly, and can include fever, chills, headache, cough, muscle aches and fatigue. For those in an at risk group, flu can be deadly.

"Flu cannot be treated with antibiotics. Make sure you do not put yourself at risk by missing this potentially life-saving opportunity.

"This year we held successful Saturday clinics in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, with very positive feedback from patients.

"However, only 26 per cent of asthmatics and 36 per cent of patients living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease registered with our practice have received their protection.

"This is particularly concerning, as severe cases of flu for patients living with these conditions, could see them being admitted to hospital due to complications."

Sister Torres warns that even if you had the vaccine last year, it is very important to get it again this year.

"Immunity wanes and the flu virus changes every year, so you should have it again now for best protection this winter. The vaccination also helps prevent the spread of the virus, so getting vaccinated helps keep you and your loved ones safe. It's a win-win.

"We have your vaccine ready and waiting for you. Don't delay: book it today!"

*You can find out more by visiting Western Vale Family Practice website www.cowbridgedoctors.com or following the practice on its new Facebook page @WesternValeFP*

# Town hall panto

**THE Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council has invited a panto company to perform Sleeping Beauty on Saturday, December 8, at 5.30pm in the town hall.**

# Remembrance display at All Saints Church

**ALL Saints' Church, Penarth will be open on Saturday, November 10 with a display of the 32 from the parish who left for World War 1, and did not return.**

The display is from 2pm to 4pm and there will be a chance to see the British Legion poppy wreaths to each of the men, to lay your own poppy crosses and maybe just sit awhile.

Refreshments will be available on the Gallery. Do join us.

*For details, call Jane on 07966 882459.*

# Education in Barry

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The building was erected for £10,000 on an imposing site lower down Buttrills Road by Cardiff builders Knox and Wells, being described as one of the finest and best appointed in the Principality.

Finally, in their own school after 17 years with the boys, they could build on what had gone before and the head stressed that girls deserved the best available teaching, to achieve future excellence.

They had a fine library, an open classroom on the first floor and two upstairs, where on fine days open-air classes would be held. Within a few months, Lady of the Manor Mrs Jenner donated two acres of land as a recreation ground for the girls.

Glamorgan Training College for Women opened a year later, on a site between Buttrills Road and College Road.

Principal Miss Hilda Mary Raw MA (London) would receive a salary of £400pa plus board/lodge and laundry. Situated between the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Barry had been chosen for this important establishment because of its good schools and the interest of its citizens in education.

An interesting story appeared early on when Barry Dock and Cadoxton churches complained that the principal had advised her young ladies to only attend churches in the immediate area.

*Dr PJ O'Donnell 1896.*

The chairman of the College Committee, J Lowdon JP, was despatched to find the reasons for such advice. Miss Raw considered it her dual role to not only train young women to be teachers, but also to act as a substitute parent while in her care.

With so many seamen in this bustling town, police had warned her not to allow the young and sometimes naïve students to walk up Buttrills Road after dusk, when they may encounter men and women of 'loose character'.

It was also known that 1,000 soldiers were coming for the winter with a further 3,000 to 4,000 possibly later. Miss Raw contacted all parents, explaining the situation and asking for written approval of her decision and the vast majority agreed.

In the 'social media' of a century ago, a letter highlighted other draconian rules being forced upon these unfortunate students: dust the class and assembly rooms; assist maids in clearing tables; carry crockery to the 'dinner-wagon'; clean their own bedrooms. This deprived them of their afternoon recreation and only being allowed out for two hours on Saturday afternoons, the writer forecast a breakdown in health.

# Speculation over Dinas Powys air pollution

**'HAS there been a recent rise in pollution along the main road through Dinas Powys, particularly at Railway Terrace in Eastbrook?'**

That was the question posed this week by Rod Harrod, the chairman of Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group. He is asking the village's Vale councillors to raise the issue with council officers.

Railway Terrace on Cardiff Road in Dinas was one of five locations in the Vale highlighted in an Arcadis consultant's report on air quality.

It showed road traffic emissions of nitrogen dioxide at, or close to, the relevant annual average concentration limit of 40 microgrammes per cubic metre.

The others places are Windsor Road, Cogan; Penarth; Cogan roundabout; Tynewydd Road, Barry; and Culverhouse Cross.

Mr Harrod said he had particular concerns for Railway Terrace because it was sandwiched between the main road and railway track.

He said: "We will possibly find out more when the Arcadis Stage 2 study into the Dinas Powys transport corridor is made available for public consultation."

He speculated that the situation "...must have got worse" in the last few years, citing what he described as "...the huge increase in HGV traffic on Cardiff Road".

"Large lorries are not just travelling through the village but servicing the three construction sites in it," he said.

"In the last 18 months, with the completion of the stretch of A4232 from Cardiff docks, even more heavy vehicles heading west have been using the main road through Dinas Powys and, as Barry Waterfront expands, it generates more traffic through Dinas.

"There's only one solution" the long-awaited by-pass. That's the only way traffic can be taken off the existing main road so that it can be turned into a 'B' road with a weight restriction and a speed limit."

# Independent living advice

**IF you live on your own and need advice on aids to mobility, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a drop-in advice session on Tuesday, November 13 from 10am to 12pm at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.**

Advice on stair lifts, home adaptation, mobility aids etc will be given by Snowdrops Independent Living, to help you to find practical solutions to any difficulties. For further information call 01446 732385 or just come along. **GF**

# 100 pupils lay wreaths to honour the fallen

**ONE hundred children from across the Vale joined together to take part in a commemoration at Barry Memorial Hall, ahead of the centenary of the end of The Great War.**

The event was organised by Vale MP Alun Cairns in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, with eight local primary schools sending pupils along to pay their respects; and received a presentation from veterans who talked about the significance of Remembrance Day.

Children were involved from primary schools across the Vale, with Cadoxton, Palmerston, Romilly, High Street, Gladstone and Jenner Park all coming from Barry and St Athan and Ysgol Y Ddraig also attended.

Mr Cairns called on Vale businesses to donate towards the cost of the wreaths, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. He was delighted to raise £2,940, far exceeding his £2,000 target, with donations received from over 30 businesses based in the Vale.

Mr Cairns said that he is incredibly grateful to receive such support from the business community and is thankful for two substantial donations from Aston Martin, which donated £1,000 and Siteserv, which donated £500.

The Vale MP said: "Thank you to all of the schools who took part, the teachers and children, for their enthusiasm and for the really moving messages that they left. It's so important that future generations understand the sacrifices that were made and why we honour them and it was clear to get a sense of that in their messages."

He added: "Thank you, also, to all of the businesses who kindly and generously donated towards the cost of the wreaths which will go towards the fantastic work that the Royal British Legion do.

"I'd like to pay tribute to Theresa, Jimmy and the team at the British Legion. They really helped to bring this together and it's been a privilege to work with them."

Following the commemoration, Mr Cairns made sure that nothing went to waste by handing over the boxes for the wreaths to a local pizza restaurant. With the wreath boxes looking just like pizza boxes, Rhys Cafaro, who owns Paletta Pizzeria in Barry, took them to use at the restaurant rather than them heading straight for the bin.

Mr Cairns said: "In the grand scheme of things, this is only a small example of what we can do to recycle and get the most out of the materials that we use.

"However, the opportunity was there to get some more use out of the boxes.This is about the wider message that there are lots of inventive ways to get the most out of our waste and promote responsibility."

**ML**

*LEFT: From left: Nigel England (Siteserv), Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, Cllr Janice Charles, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Cllr Bob Penrose, Father Ben Andrews, Stuart Dee (Aston Martin), Dave Jimmy Green (chairman of Barry Royal British Legion).*

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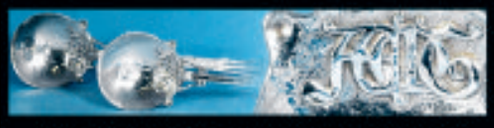

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# Dark matter and dark energy: what are they?

**IT is not often that the GEM receives correspondence from the US, but Joe Bakhos, a teacher from Big Bear City in California, read and commented on a recent astronomy article.**

**Here is his take on dark matter.**

**THERE are two astrophysics observations that do not make sense; they are not consistent with our current understanding of physics.**

1. Galaxies are accelerating away from each other and we don't know why. Because of gravity, they should be slowing down instead of receding at an ever increasing rate.

Most astrophysicists explain this by supposing that space itself is expanding, and galaxies are gaining gravitational potential energy as they recede from each other. This energy must come from somewhere, so dark energy is theorized to fill this gap, even though we've never directly observed dark energy.

2. The outer stars inside galaxies are moving too fast. At that speed, a galaxy's gravity should not be strong enough to hold the outer stars in orbit. Instead, these outer stars should be flying off into space.

Most astrophysicists explain this by supposing that there is additional dark matter in each galaxy that is providing extra mass, but this dark matter cannot be detected directly in any way. For example, it is supposed that our galaxy is 90 per cent dark matter, in order to explain the rotation rates of our outer stars.

I am proposing a new hypothesis: Angular Gravity Reversal (AGR), which would explain these phenomena without the need of dark matter or dark energy.

According to AGR, normal gravity decreases to zero at a distance of approximately 1.5 million light-years. Beyond this distance, gravity reverses direction, and becomes slightly repulsive. Reverse gravity then increases in strength as the distance becomes greater, reaching a peak strength at approximately 3 million light-years. After this, reverse gravity becomes weaker and weaker, trailing off to zero as distance increases.

If this is true, then space is not expanding. The Galaxies are accelerating away from each other because their reverse gravity is pushing against one another. There is no need of dark energy.

Since gravity reverses, at those distances the galaxies are not gaining any potential energy. They are losing potential energy and this energy is being converted into momentum as they gain in speed.

This also would explain galactic rotation rates. Any dust or gas that is close enough to a galaxy will be attracted to the galaxy. Any dust or gas that is beyond 1.5 million light years however, will be repelled away from the galaxy.

This means that the interstitial space between galaxies is not as empty as we thought; instead it is filled with a lot of dust and gas. Not only are the galaxies pushing against one another; each galaxy is also surrounded by a 'womb' of dust and gas that is also pushing upon the galaxy. Because of this pushing, the outer stars in each galaxy are held in place. This is why they are not flying off into space given their speed.

Thus, there is no need of dark matter to explain their motion.

But why does gravity reverse like this? Imagine that you are looking at two galaxies from a standpoint far away from them. Imagine using your two arms to point at each of them. There is an angle between your two arms.

AGR posits that gravity is actually dependent upon this angle, rather than the distance between the two galaxies. To speak anthropomorphically, space does not 'like' differing perspectives, so if two objects are close enough, space 'works' to push them close enough to form a single perspective. If two objects are far enough apart, space 'works' to push them so far apart that they are not related to each other at all. A more scientific way of expressing this is to say that sometimes a lower energy state is achieved by objects moving closer together, and sometimes a lower energy state is achieved by objects moving apart.

**Read the second part of Mr Bakhos's article in the next edition.**

*For a more in-depth explanation, I refer readers to my reddit post at: www.reddit.com/r/MyTheoryIs/comments/87pcgq/what_dark_matter_is/ Joe.*

**Joe Bakhos, Big Bear City, CA**

## Breakfast at KPC

**KPC in Pyle are organising their third breakfast get-together for local groups and organisations in Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Cornelly and surrounds.**

This is a pilot project to run quarterly, and a chance to find out what we all do locally for our community – events, services we offer, info sharing, and for us all to gain a greater understanding of what great work is being done!

If you're a local organisation/group or business delivering services to our community from children to adults, please get in touch.

Come along for a bacon roll and a cuppa at 8.30am at KPC in Pyle on Thursday, December 6 – contact Alison for more information on 01656 749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

# Reducing prisoners' reoffending with 'the golden thread'

**STRENGTHENING family ties can play a crucial role in helping offenders to turn their lives around beyond the prison gates, Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns said following a visit to HM Prison and YOI Parc in Bridgend on October 25.**

The visit to HMP Parc, the only privately-run prison in Wales, comes in the year following the publication of a UK Government-commissioned report, which identified family relationships as the 'golden thread' running through the reforms across the prison estate.

Mr Cairns met Parc prison director Janet Wallsgrove and prison staff to see first-hand how incorporating family members into the prison's innovative rehabilitation schemes is having a significant impact on preventing prisoners from reoffending after release.

In September 2016 Lord Michael Farmer, in partnership with the membership charity Clinks, was commissioned by the UK Government to investigate how connecting prisoners with their families can improve offender wellbeing, assist in keeping the public safe and reduce reoffending.

During the visit to HMP Parc, the Secretary of State met Corin Morgan-Armstrong, head of family interventions for G4S Central Government Services in the UK, who highlighted how the success of the prison's 'Invisible Walls Wales' project has produced tangible results for the rehabilitation of offenders.

Mr Cairns said: "Safe and secure prison environments are just the foundation for successful rehabilitation. But as Lord Farmer's review outlined last year, building and nurturing family relationships is also fundamentally important if people are to change.

"It has been inspiring to meet the passionate staff at HMP Parc and to experience how they are pursuing trailblazing initiatives like 'Invisible Walls Wales'."

Backed by Big Lottery Fund investment and working in partnership with Barnardo's Cymru, the Invisible Walls Wales scheme helps prisoners to strengthen family ties and maintain healthy family relationships as well as providing them with advice on issues such as debt, housing, training and moving towards employment.

Janet Wallsgrove, director of HMP and YOI Parc said: "Our aim is to reduce reoffending after release by providing prisoners with the right skills and support during their sentence, and by strengthening their ties with the community."

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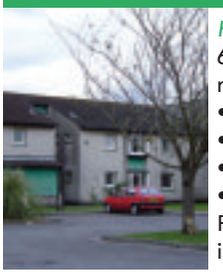

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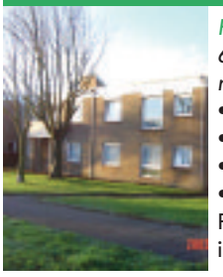

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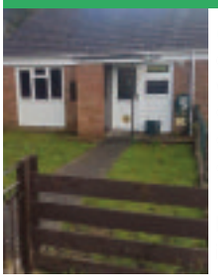

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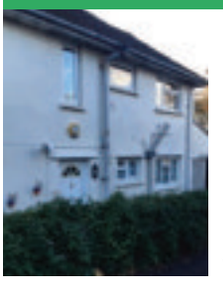

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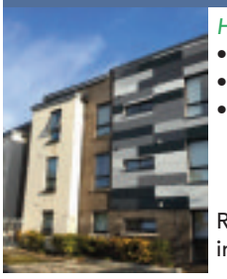

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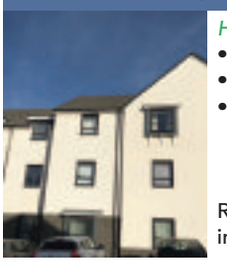

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# THOMAS
## Stewart

*01.06.1960 – 29.10.2018*

**It is with great sadness and regret that we announce the untimely passing of Stew, at Velindre Hospital, Cardiff on 29th October 2018, whilst in the loving presence of his wife and three sons. He will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Jayne, adored sons Glyndwr, Liam and Blaine, and his precious grandson Oscar.**

***Stew fought his illness with heroic courage and determination, and will be forever missed by all who knew him.***

Stew is resting at Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services until the service on Tuesday, 20th November at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu may be made to Velindre Hospital, Cardiff or Bowel Cancer Wales c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5NP.

Tel: 01656 860545.

# THOMAS
## Stewart

**A much-loved brother-in-law of Gaynor and Alan, and loving uncle to Michael, Gareth and Bethan. Also loved by Chelsie and Faith.**

***You will be sadly missed by us all Stew xxxx***

# THOMAS
## Stewart

**Our funny, rugby loving, golf playing brother-in-law and uncle who sadly and unexpectedly passed away on Monday, 29th October 2018.**

It's not the years in your life but the life in your years that count.

*You will be sadly missed by Debbie, David, Harrison & Daniel xxxx*

# REES
## Captain Brian

**A memorial service was held on the 10th September 2018 at Thornhill for Captain Brian Rees who had donated his body to the School of Anatomy at University Hospital Cardiff for Medical Science.**

Capt. Rees died at the Heath Hospital on 21st September. 2017 at the age of 84 years. He trained at Smith's Nautical College and enjoyed a colourful career at sea as a Master Mariner before coming ashore to get married. He was Assistant Dock Master in Cardiff for a number of years before becoming a Dock and Bristol Channel Pilot.

A highlight was piloting the Royal Yacht Britannia. He also spent time as Master of a Dive Support vessel in Saudi Arabia and his final job was as Captain of a Drill Ship in the Persian Gulf. He was a kind and fun loving personality and is so missed by his wife Heather, his children Julia and Darran also Tony and his adored grandson Evan.

# MORGAN
## John Albert

**Diane and family wish to thank everyone who attended John's funeral and who sent letters and cards.**

Thank you, too for the generous donations to Riding for the Disabled Association and to W. James & Sons for their care and attention.

# ELWARD
## Stella Ethel

**of Bonvilston**

**Born 4th October 1922**

**On Saturday, 27th October 2018 at Llandough Hospital, after a short illness stoically borne, Stella, loving wife of the late Eddie. Dear sister to Ken, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law to Sandra and Tony and Alan and Tricia. Devoted nan to Paul and Natalie, Helen and Nick, Nicola and Geoff and to Christopher. Loving great nan to Bethan, Gethyn, Lily and Isla.**

**Stella was a long time Standard Bearer and valued Poppy seller for the Bonvilston Royal British Legion, Women's Branch.**

***She will be sadly missed by all family, neighbours and friends.***

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 15th November, service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston, followed by cremation 12 noon at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

No flowers by request, donations if desired to Royal British Leigion, c/o the funeral director.

# SCHUSTER
## Margaret (Peggy)

**Peacefully, at the age of 100, at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, Peggy, dearly loved wife of the late Lynn, much loved mother of Ann and the late David. Beloved mother-in-law of Mostyn and Beryl and cherished grandma of Karen, Julia, Corinne, Adrian and Elizabeth, her eleven great-grandchildren and her three great-great-grandchildren.**

***Peggy will be sorely missed by all her family and friends.***

Private burial at Barry Cemetery on Monday, 19th November, followed by a public Thanksgiving Service at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry at 12.30pm.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu of flowers, please, to Kachhwa Hospital, Uttar Pradesh, India c/o Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5SA.

# COUCH
## Gareth John (Couchy)

**Peacefully on 26th October 2018 at UHW, Gareth sadly passed away, aged 73 years. Beloved husband to Annette, father to Joanne and grandfather to Jack.**

***He will be deeply missed by all family and friends.***

Resting at Coles Funeral Directors until the celebration of his life to be held on Tuesday, 13th November 2018 at Thornhill Crematorium (Wenallt Chapel) at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of floral tributes, if desired, may be sent to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL in memory of Gareth. A donation collection will be provided at the service, donations/tributes can also be made via www.colesfuneraldirectors.co.uk/donations

All enquiries to Coles Funeral Directors, 792 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF3 4FH. Tel: 02920 797516

# COOMBEY
## Evelyn (*née Norris*)

**Evelyn passed away peacefully, aged 91 years, on Monday, 29th October. A much loved wife of the late Fred, mother of Jean and grandmother of Lois.**

***A kind and lovely lady who will be greatly missed by family and friends.***

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 14th November, service 1.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church, Barry, followed by cremation 3pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral director.

# BRYAN
## Duncan

**Peacefully following a short illness on 26th October, aged 88 years, devoted husband to the late Rita, father to Mike and the late Kay, Toni and Maria grandfather to Jesse, Morgan, Rhiannon and Iestyn, great grandfather to Decire, Colton, Harmonique, Eira and Khyro.**

***Duncan will be sadly missed by his family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 13th November at 1pm, and afterwards at the Sully Sports and Social Club.

Family flowers only but donations in memory of Duncan can be made directly to, The British Heart Foundation, 138 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HH.

# PIKE
## Evelyn Margarete (*née Barnes*)

**Suddenly but peacefully at home on 24th October, Evelyn sadly passed away. A devoted wife of 61 years to John and a precious mum of Adrian, Ian and Joy. Loving mother-in-law of Jeff, cherished nan and great nan to David, Christopher, Abbie, Evie, Issy and Joseph.**

***Evelyn will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.***

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church on Friday, 16th November at 1pm, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Evelyn's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories to the family. All donations received to support The British Heart Foundation in memory of Evelyn.

# COLLIER
## Allan Glyn

**25th April 1942**

**Passed away peacefully 31st October.**

**Beloved husband of the late Brenda Collier, step father to Steve Collier and grampy to Christian and Nicole and great grandad to Emily.**

***The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words at this sad time.***

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 23rd November, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. All other donations to be made to the RNLI in Allan's memory.

# LYNCH
## Beatrice Lillian (Lily)

**Formerly of Barry**

**Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 30th October 2018 at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, aged 85 years. Widow of Fred and much loved aunt and great aunt.**

***Rest in peace.***

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park & Crematorium, Barry, on Monday, 12th November at 1pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society c/o Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB. Tel. 01446 421212 .

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# RENWICK
## Elizabeth (Biddy)

**Passed away after a short illness on Thursday, 25th October 2018.**

***Loving mother and grandmother.***

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Remembrance Service Friday, 9th November 3pm at St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan. No flowers by request.

# JAMES
## Susan Janet (*née Nicholls*)

**Peacefully on 2nd November 2018 with her family by her side, Susan, aged 66 years. Beloved wife of Stephen, much loved mother of Hayley and Andrew, loved mother-in-law to David and Leanne. Devoted nan to Lucy, Jack, Oliver and Samuel.**

***Susan will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 20th November at All Saints Church, Barry at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

# JEYNES
## Sigrid Karen

**The family wish to announce the sad passing of Sigrid at home on 24th October. A devoted wife of the late Don, loving mum of Karen, Stephen and Julie. A cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.**

***She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.***

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 13th November at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Dementia UK in memory of Sigrid.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

# HILL
## John (Nobby)

**Peacefully on 28th October, aged 86 years, brother to Grace and the late Norman.**

***John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry, until the service at the funeral home chapel on Monday, 12th November at 3pm, followed by a committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donation in memory of John may be made in favour of the R.N.L.I at the service.

# ALLEN
## Ernest (Ernie)

**Passed away peacefully at home on 27th October. Devoted husband of June, a loving dad of David, John and Donna. A cherished granddad (Belly) of all his grandchildren.**

***Ernie will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.***

Resting at J.R. & M.F David Funeral Home until his service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 14th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations welcome in Ernie's memory to Velindre Cancer Centre, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

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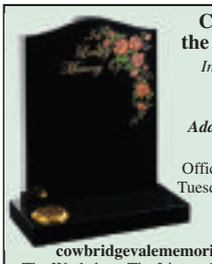

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# ENGLAND
## Alma Doris Lily

**Peacefully on 29th October, Alma, much loved wife of the late Ron, loving mother of Philip, Martyn, Norman and Nigel. Doting grandmother and great grandmother. Sister to Mavis and the late Keith.**

Funeral service at Welsh St Donats on Thursday, 15th November at 2pm, followed by interment.

Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenney Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

# WOODS
## Robin Francis

**The family are sad to announce the sudden passing of Robin on the 17th October 2018.**

***He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.***

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major, until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 15th November at 11am and afterwards at Boverton Cemetery.

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# Llantwit Major reserves unlucky in five-goal thriller

**LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC reserves played top-of-the-league Cardiff Metropolitan University at Cyncoed on Saturday, with Scott McMillan making his full debut for the club.**

With three regular reserve players promoted to the first team, Nathan Renfree, Mike Hartely and Darren Robinson were made available.

The match started with Llantwit on the front foot playing very good football, starving Cardiff Met of the ball and they were unlucky not to score early on.

Gethin Jennings and Max Morgan struck from far out but didn't trouble the keeper, but the real chance came as Chris Vinson got the better of his man from the right wing and delivered a lofted cross to Stephen Phillips into the box, only to direct his effort at the keeper.

The game was fast and furious as both teams looked to break quickly, amd the university side had their best chance before the half only to see keeper Scott McMillan pull off a one-handed save over the bar.

Llantwit were forced to make an early substitution in the first half as injured defender Aaron Wrigley made way for James Vickers, Leeroy Jones moving to centre back.

The second half continued with both sides having their fair share of attacks. However, with 70 minutes on the clock, Cardiff Met broke away from a Llantwit corner and left them out-numbered and they tapped in from yards out.

Darren Robinson levelled the game moments later with a free kick finding the top corner, before the Met took the lead once more.

With the game at 2-1, Llantwit attacked and the captain found the net again as a Jennings delivery found Robinson free in the area to volley then equaliser.

With 10 minutes remaining a sucker punch goal saw Llantwit lose their chance of a much-deserved point.

Then substitute James Hartley nearly equalised as his shot beat the keeper and struck the post and fell to Chris Vinson, who was brought down.

The referee saw this as a high foot and rewarded Llantwit with a indirect free kick; unfortunately Robinson didn't convert the opportunity and the game ended 3-2 to the university side.

This was a very gritty performance for the reserve team, who did enough to get something out the game.

Their next game is home at Windmill Lane to Afan Lido, 2pm kick-off.

*Team: S. McMillan, M.Evans, D.Robinson, A.Wrigley, M.Hartley, C.Vinson, N.Renfree, L.Jones, G.Jennings, M.Morgan, S.Phillips. Substitutes: J.Vickers, R.Malton, M.Gingel, J.Hartely.*

**JT**

# More despair for Barry chess teams

**THE Barry Chess Club had matches in Divisions One and Three this week.**

The Bosons were in Cardiff while the Quarks were in North Cardiff.

There were four matches played in Division One. They all had the same result with the home team recording a 3.5 - 1.5 victory.

The Cardiff Pawns outrated us on all five boards so perhaps draws for Steve Cunliffe, Dave Parsons and Ken Hannah may have been unexpected, they but were not enough to move us out of the relegation spots.

The Bosons are in eighth place with only a half point separating us from the bottom of the table and two points away from safety.

It is starting to look difficult for the Bosons whose long stay in Division One is coming under pressure.

For quite a few consecutive years we have lost strong players who would have been vying for a place in the Bosons but eventually this will come back to bite us.

In Division Three the Quarks played the North Cardiff Panthers, a relatively new team with a couple of juniors who are improving rapidly.

Michael O'Leary and Scott Turned earned wins but it was not enough to prevent a 3-2 defeat for the Quarks.

The Quarks sit in sixth place but all the teams below us have at least one match in hand.

Only the Bridgend C team have a lower tie-break score so again this will be a difficult season.

Hopefully with only one team being relegated this year we will have enough strength in depth to avoid bottom spot - hopefully!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

**PHIL JONES**

# Consolation Cup held at Brynhill

**ON Sunday, Brynhill staged this year's final competition, the Consolation Cup.**

It was won by Glyn Morris, whose 37 points tied with Colin Lloyd, requiring a back nine count back to split the two and decide the winner.

This week sees the return of professional competitions and the Winter League, so dig out the waterproofs and wet weather shoes out!

**ND**

# The Dinas Powys Golf Club's ladies section results

**ON September 4, the 18 hole Mary Nicholls Trophy Foursomes:**

1st Audrey Harwood & Sian Smith 66.5 nett, 2nd Annie Blackburn & Sue Bridle 68.5 nett, 3rd Lisa Ryley & Ruth Yates 70.5 nett.

Also on September 4, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Angela Brown, 2nd Dorothy Amery, 3rd Sharon Jesson.

On September 25, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Dorothy Amery 18 points, 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam 16 points, 3rd Ruth Yates.

On October 2, an 18-hole Daily Mail Foursomes: 1st Maxine Hird and Sam Saunders, 2nd Annie Blackburn and Sue Bridle.

Also on October 2, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Audrey Harwood, 2nd Angela Brown, 3rd Dorothy Amery.

On October 9, an 18-hole Glamorgan County Salver Stableford: 1st Ruth Yates, 34 points on back nine from 2nd Ann Mahenthiralingam, 34 points on back six from 3rd Sue Bridle 34 points.

Also on October 9, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Sue Thomas, 2nd Angela Brown, 3rd Rhian Thomas.

On October 16, a nine hole medal White Elephant: 1st Sam Saunders 44-10.5=33.5 nett, 2nd Ruth Yates 46-12 =34, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam.

On October 23, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 18 points, on back three from 2nd Sian Smith, 18 points on back one from 3rd Audrey Harwood 18 points.

On October 30, a nine hole medal Turkey Trot 1: 1st Sue Bridle 43-8.5=34.5, 2nd Samantha Saunders 46-10.5=35.5, 3rd Ruth Yates 48-12=36.

**RY**

# Barrivale news

**THE results for Barrivale Bridge Club on October 30 are as follows:**

First, Mike Close and Denis Mottram, 65.87 per cent; second, Noelle Bond and Irene Thomas, 62.70 per cent; third, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones, 55.56 per cent. The handicap winners were Ann Richards and Linda Houston.

New members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

Call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced players or players who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions: Friday, 10am at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoon for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

**LH**

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# The Barry and District Mens Skittle League results

**DIVISION 1:**

Posties 280 (M Gallimore, D Gallimore, W Borde, M Churchill 25), Geest 288 (S R Jones 29); Blue Monkey 284 (C Evans, C Holland 29), Bunker Boys 225 (A Jeynes 28); 49ers 305 (G Yarr 32), KP Rejects 277 (M Davies 28); Billy Whizz 274 (M Ingram 31), British Rail 258 (L Bennett 29); Merrymen 263 (S Walters 28), Willie Wombles 264 (B Gratton 28); Cannon Balls 282 (T Price Jnr 31), Sea View 275 (A Payne 27).

League table: 49ers 16, Geest 10, Blue Monkey 8, Posties 8, KP Rejects 8, Bunker Boys 7, Billy Whizz 7, Willie Wombles 7, British Rail 6, Cannon Balls 6, Sea View 5, Merrymen 4.

**DIVISION 2:**

Tynny Lads 249 (D Sluman 28), BP Breakaways 266 (G Slocombe 30); Park Lads 272 (D Lambert 27), Mighty Dockers 277 (D Newton 30); Exiles 274 (C Hammett 29), H Bells 273 (B Whitlock, C White 28); Cavaliers 297 (S Hatcher 31), Ex Servicemen 264 (D Stevens 29); Barry Park B 282 (R Freeman 31), Hairy Lemons 268 (S Gully 28); Witchill Poachers 329 (A Butler 31), Colcot Boys 345 (G Mills 36).

League table: Mighty Dockers 14, Park Lads 12, Hairy Lemons 12, Barry Park B 10, Cavaliers 8, H Bells 8, Ex Servicemen 8, Exiles 7, BP Breakaways 6, Colcot Boys 5, Tynny Lads 4, Witchill Poachers 2.

**DIVISION 3:**

Park Rangers 280 (C Cameron 32), Cocoa Nuts 269 (B Richardson 31); Master Mariner 223 (Mike Harris 28), Castle Boys 242 (G Marks 25); C.U.D. 221 (G Sheppard 25), Witchill Nomads 237 (A Burnell 27); Glenbrook Flyers 247 (J Walters 30), Alternatives 234 (P Church 29); Abercrete 265 (R Mears 28), Royalists 271 (M Roberts, C Iannucci 28).

League table: Park Rangers 14, Witchill Nomads 11, Billy Bluebirds 10, Royalists 9, Abercrete 8, Castle Boys 8, C.U.D. 6, Cocoa Nuts 6, Glenbrook Flyers 4, Alternatives 2, Master Mariner 0.

*View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.*

**JW**

# The Barry and District League tables and results

**CRIB DIVISION 1:**

Wyndham Cons 6, Moors Boys 9; Cadoxton Cons 7, West End Runaways 8; West End 7, Rhoose Social 8.

League table: Wyndham Cons 62, Rhoose Social 61, West End 61, Cadoxton Cons 57, West End Runaways 57, Liberals 54, Moors Boys 53.

**SKITTLES DIVISION 1:**

Liberals C 5, Slammers 2; Barry Town FC 6, Liberals A 1; Barries Boys 4, Rhoose Social B 3; Sea View Exiles 4, Allsorts 3; King William XII 4, Rhoosters 3; Rhoose Social C 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Rugby Club 2, Rhoose Social A 5; West End D 0, West End C 7.

League table: West End C 37.0, Sea View Exiles 33.5, Barry Town FC 32.0, King William XII 32.0, West End D 32.0, Rugby Club 31.5, Rhoose Social A 31.0, Allsorts 28.0, Rhoosters 28.0, Slammers 24.5, Rhoose Social C 22.5, Liberals A 22.0, Liberals C 21.5, Rhoose Social B 21.0, Barries Boys 14.5, Cambrian Flyers 9.0.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 1:**

Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Rhoose Social B 0; Cadoxton Wildcats 2, Penarth Cons A 3; West End C 4, Wyndham Cons A 1; Savoy A 5, Market Street B 0.

League table: West End C 26, Savoy A 25, Harbour B 23, Wyndham Cons A 23, Cadoxton Cons B 22, Cadoxton Cons Z 20, Penarth Cons A 16, Cadoxton Wildcats 15, Rhoose Social B 14, *Liberators 9, Market Street B 8.

**SNOOKER DIVISION 2:**

West End B 3, West End A 2; Penarth Cons B 3, Rhoose Social C 2; Wyndham Cons D 2, Services Social B 3; Market Street C 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Harbour A 0, Savoy B 5.

League table: Penarth Cons B 27, Savoy B 27, Cadoxton Cons A 24, Services Social B 24, Harbour A 21, Rhoose Social C 21, Wyndham Cons D 21, Market Street C 19, West End A 18, Sully Sports A 13, West End B 10 (* = points deducted).

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**JW**

# Barry Town United Ladies grab five to maintain perfect start

**FOLLOWING a cup victory last weekend, Barry Town United Ladies returned to league action on Sunday, taking on Penybont FC in their sixth league fixture of the season and looking to maintain their perfect start.**

This was to be the second match between the two sides in three weeks following Barry's FAW Cup victory in October, but this fixture saw a change of venue with the Indoor Dome at Leckwith Stadium hosting the match.

Barry made two changes from the previous week with Tracey White slotting into midfield and Erin Brennan retuning in goal.

It was to be an eventful start to the game as Barry started strongly and took the lead inside five minutes. Chelsea Deacon won the ball wide on the right and she crossed the ball perfectly for Daisy Evan-Watkins to slot home to opening goal.

The hosts were looking in confident mood, dictating the play with intensity and wing back Alicia Cox and Olivia Townsend were finding lots of space in wide areas.

It took just another seven minutes for Barry to double their lead, this time a fine first time cross from Sian Rees was volleyed home by Evan-Watkins at the near post.

Barry were taking real control of the game at this point with the midfield unit of Alex Allen, Tracey White constantly breaking up play to get Barry ticking in central areas and the back three of Emma Thompson, Holly Vowles and Chloe Clarke more than comfortable to build from the defensive third of the pitch.

It was almost three goals after 25 minutes when White played a perfectly-weighted pass to Cox who stormed down the left before cutting inside and unleashing a shot which cannoned back off the inside post.

Deacon also raced through on goal one-on-one, but the Penybont goalkeeper made a fine save to deny the hosts.

However, Barry did grab a third goal on 35 minutes when Rees curled a shot from 20 yards that cannoned off the crossbar and Deacon reacted quickly to tap in the rebound to grab a birthday goal.

Evan-Watkins almost grabbed her hat-trick but was denied by another excellent save from the goalkeeper with the score remaining 3-0 at half-time.

The second half sparked into life when both teams had a player sent off for an off-the-ball incident but this didn't deter Barry, who regrouped and continued to dominate the majority of possession.

*ABOVE: Chelsea Deacon on the ball.*

Penybont, to their credit, kept working hard and did have a good chance to pull one back through a good counter-attack but goalkeeper Brennan made a good save with her feet.

The hosts hit the crossbar for the third time in the game when White hit a shot from 20 yards but she wasn't to be denied moments later as she prodded home following a corner to make it 4-0 on 62 minutes, capping a strong performance for the midfield player.

Barry made a number of changes with Laura Saliba, Emma Cannon and Taylor Page entering the field, and it was Cannon who almost grabbed a fifth goal, racing through but her lofted shot was well saved by the goalkeeper.

However, Cannon was to play a key role in Barry's final goal of the game on 75 minutes when she ran into the penalty area and was brought down which resulted in Deacon scoring a penalty to make it 5-0.

Barry saw out the remaining period of the game to record their sixth straight win in the league and remain joint-top of the Welsh Women's League alongside Caldicot Town and Aberystwyth Town.

Following the game manager Luke Williams commented: "We are delighted with the result and more importantly the level of performance against a good team at this level.

"We managed to do all parts of the game well, created lots of chances in what was probably our most complete performance so far this season."

The ladies travel west on Sunday to take on newly-promoted Rhos, and will hope to continue their excellent form.

**LW**

# Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

**DIVISION 1:**

Sea View Gals 297 (M.Richards 33), Cigar Ladies 278 (S.Billings 30); Family & Friends 245 (J.Compton 28), Bakers Dozen 254 (M. Western 29); Cadoxton Con Fillies 234 (T. Dyball 25), Family Affairs 208 (S. Vincent 25); Space Finders 325 (E. Worthy & H. Webb 32), Pila Pala 302 (A. Williams 35); Barry Stars 207 (S. Huxter 23), LaBelles 213 (J. Williams 24); Special Angels 284 (P.Grisdale 27), Coppers 273 (J. Hartnell 27).

**Division 2:**

Witchill Weebies 348 (P. Westall 34), Bobby's Girls 319 (L. Evans, S. Snelson & J. Barnett 32); Airways Angels 237 (A.Sales 25), Colcot Ladies 247 (P. Johnson 28); Challengers 275 (A. Diamond 27), Rugby Triers 270 (J. Bellinger 30).

**Division 3:**

Witchill Widows 311 (L.Spyrou 31), Sea View Ladies 327 (E.White & S. Humphries 32); Westenders 238 (M.Condon 26), Vixens 252 (N. Sheppard 29).

**Division 4:**

Little Misfits 220 (K. Davies 23), Livin on a Spare 210 (T. Mountjoy & J. Farmer 21); Hell Raisers 185 (M. Davies 23), Nite Outers 213 (J.Davies 25); Rebels 213 (K. Burman 24), Boozy Birds 221 (A. Loyd 27); Twilights 214 (A. Cambell 26), Optimists 193 (S. Hayne 23).

*The league's next meeting is on November 12 at Cadoxton Conservative Club at 8pm.*

**HB**

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# The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**IT was a good weekend for Barry Athletic at the top – and they didn't even play, as their nearest rivals both slipped up.**

Penarth Town came crashing back to earth after thumping the leaders last week as they were beaten 4-0 at home by Island Marine, Marine securing their second successive four-goal victory to stun Penarth.

Rhoose also succumbed to defeat as Cowbridge Town continued their great run of form, edging Rhoose out 2-1.

In the battle of the basement teams, Sully Sports won out 2-1 over St Athan, Sully's first win since August.

In Division One, Cwm Talwg picked up a big 4-2 win over Cadoxton Barry while Cadoxton Imps demolished SP Billy 7-1.

In Division Two, St Athan B extended their lead at the top with a 2-1 victory over Vale Madrid – the leader's sixth win in a row.

Rivals Rhoose B did not play while Cadoxton Athletic slipped up to a 3-1 defeat to Barry Athletic B. Penarth Town B moved up to third with a huge 6-1 away win at Island Marine B.

In the SWFA Intermediate Cup, a competition open to south Wales teams from below their local league's top division, Holton Road and Tynewydd are representing the Vale League admirably as both sides reached the semi-finals this weekend.

Holton Road eased past Pontypridd FC 4-1 while Tynewydd saw off Gadlys Rovers 2-1.

This week, it's Barry Cup quarter-finals, with Cowbridge playing Cardiff Airport, Rhoose hosting Cogan, Penarth welcoming Cadoxton Imps and a Cadoxton derby as Cadoxton Athletic play Cadoxton Barry.

**HD**

# Croquet club's fond farewell to Dyffryn

**DYFFRYN Croquet Club have been established at Dyffryn Gardens since it was founded in 1986. It has been a successful club with local South West Federation and National (UK) success.**

Sadly, this summer saw the last croquet played at Dyffryn Gardens as The National Trust says it cannot support use of the croquet lawns at the site for the club's sole use.

The venue is the only site in Vale to host international matches, on behalf of the Welsh Croquet Association, having hosted matches against Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Scotland, Switzerland, Italy, Uruguay and, of course, England.

The Welsh team has always had a number of players from the Dyffryn club in Welsh teams. Wales are currently World Champions at Tier 2, having won the title in 2017.

The club has agreed a move to the Glamorgan Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (GLTCC) to re-establish croquet at this site in Merthyr Mawr in 2019.

Garry McElwain, club chairman, said: "This is a sad situation for us as a club, having been at Dyffryn Gardens for 32 years. We are grateful to GLTCC for the opportunity to play at Merthyr Mawr next year and hope that the club can continue to build on its good reputation within the South West Federation.

"A lot of work has been done behind the scenes and the hard work has started on the new lawns at Merthyr Mawr."

Garry is seen in the picture taking the last-ever shot of competitive play when he won the club's prestigious Dyffryn Cup at the club's recent finals day.

**PP**

# Rees' book is 'a must'

**A MUST for all rugby fans is Matthew Rees' *Reasons 2 Smile – My Battles On And Off The Rugby Field* (published by yLolfa).**

This autobiography of the Scarlets, Cardiff Blues, Wales, British and Irish Lions and Barbarians player, a key member of the Wales team which achieved momentous Grand Slams at the 2008 and 2012 Six Nations Championships and who is the most-capped hooker of all time for the Welsh national side, reveals all on his battle with cancer and the ordeal of the treatment and his fight to get healthy again.

He then defied all expectation and went on to win a further cap for Wales, and this book charts the highs and lows of his rugby career and also includes a foreword by Wales coach Warren Gatland who descibes Matthew as '... a team player who is tough, leads by example, focused, resilient - but it keeps coming back to him being just a good bloke.'

However, this is not just another rugby book and rugby is not all there is to Matthew''s story. At age 20, he found out who is real father was, a bombshell that had a huge impact on his relationship with his family.

As fellow Wales international Gareth Jenkins says: "This book reflects the magnitude of his achievements on the field and the toughness and spirit he has shown off it in overcoming every obstacle thrown his way."

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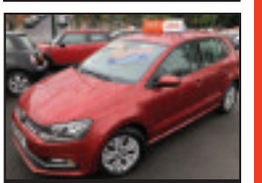

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# Powerboat team to compete in World Life Saving Championships

*Pictured are team members Gwyn Jones, Chris Parry, Tom Parry, Ian James, James Everdean, Paul Edwards, Alex Parker, Dave Murphy and Richard Castle with Shan Francis of Porthcawl Co-Op and Kerry Marlow, Porthcawl Co-Op Charity Pioneer member.*

**PORTHCAWL Surf Life Saving Wales Powercraft team will be representing Wales at the World Life Saving Championships in Adelaide, Australia, at the end of November 2019.**

Their polo shirts have been sponsored by Porthcawl Co-Op.

# Cowbridge RFC set for Old Illtyds test

**COWBRIDGE RFC first XV are back in league action this Saturday, taking on Old Illtydians at home with a kick-off time of 1.30pm so those who want to can still get to the Wales v Australia match.**

Old Illtyds have had some good results of late, and are currently lying sixth in the table, winning their last four games with wins against Pentrych and Gwernhyfed, so another big challenge.

The next game after that is on December 1 at home to CR Cymry Caerdydd.

The youth are in action this Saturday at St Peters. After the Old Illtyds game the club will be showing the Wales v Australia game (kick-off 5.20pm), so why not join us?

Finally, many thanks to everyone involved in the superb firework display at the club on Monday and all those who supported it.

**RK/RV**

# Golf competition comes to an epic conclusion

**THE annual Tri-Captain's Cup competition concluded when St Mary's Golf Club's senior section played the third and final leg.**

The competition has been closely contested with the captain's, vice-captain's and past captain's teams all tied on 20 points each after the first leg.

The second leg proved to be a little more decisive, however, with the vice-captain's team edging into a narrow two point lead over the captain's team with an accumulative score of 44 points.

The past-captain's team lagged two points further behind on 40 points.

With all to play for in the third leg, the captain's team turned up the heat and, with some excellent performances on the day, staged an impressive comeback.

The two point margin proved to be just out of reach, however, and the vice-captain's team were delighted to claim the eventual victory by the

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# Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior rugby round-up

**THE under-7s travelled to Pontypridd with 10 players unavailable, but still managed to field two teams.**

In true minis spirit, no scores were kept with only rugby being the winner. Both Athletic teams were excellent in both attack and defence. All players showing great improvement from the week before.

The players deserve a mention for their efforts: Charlie Tune, Matthew Hallez, Adam Landells, George Cowan, Joshua Owen, Matthew Wilcox, William Smart, Zavier Gardener, Callum Brown, Isaac Rees.

Well done to Charlie Tune and Matthew Hallez for winning star taggers awards.

**The under-8s were back on the road, visiting Pontypridd for a round-robin between the hosts and another visiting side from St Peters.**

With all three sides boasting strong squad numbers, each was able to field two teams, meaning plenty of playing time for all the boys and a lot of rugby to watch for the home and visiting support.

The games versus Pontypridd were keenly-contested affairs with both sides evenly matched in most areas of play. On occasion however, the Ath boys were caught napping as Pontypridd, playing a high tempo style of rugby, offloaded the ball quickly following the tag. This put the visitors on the back foot, leading to scoring opportunities for Ponty.

The matches against St Peters in contrast were a more one-sided affair with the Ath always in the driving seat and putting together passages of inspirational team play and moments of individual brilliance.

The Ath were involved in six matches, winning four and losing two, scoring a total of 26 tries and clocking up a tag-count of 128.

**The under-9s travelled to Pontypridd and the Athletic managed to hold out and win the game 45-35, mainly down to great defensive work from Rudi Quinn, Ethan Davies, Osian Kenny and Zack Hughes.**

Try scorers were Dylan Jones (3), Ashton Davies (2), Rudi Quinn, Osian Kenny, Zack Hughes and Oliver Turvey.

**It was a tale of two halves for the under-13s as they welcomed Rhiwbina to Newbridge Fields.**

The first half saw the Ath on the front foot with their forwards winning the ball at rucks and in the loose. Rhys H ran in under the posts with Charlie R kicking the conversion, but Rhiwbina took advantage in the last minute of the half, running off the back of a scrum and scoring in the corner.

With some fresh legs in the second half Rhiwbina carried on where they finished the first with some good attacking play and some neat chips over the top. This tactic led to a couple of clear breaks and tries, neither of them being converted, meaning heading into the last five minutes Rhiwbina led 15-7.

The Ath didn't let their heads drop, carried on running with purpose and got their reward through Joel R, showing good footwork on the wing to score in the corner.

The restart was well caught by Rhys H, who ran from the halfway line without a hand on him to score his second try, leading to a narrow 17-15 win.

**With an injury-hit squad, the under-15s welcomed Pontrhydyfen to Newbridge Fields for the first time in the fourth round of the Ospreys Cup.**

Against the run of play Pontrhydyfen who scored the first points with a try out wide. Back came the Ath with a well-worked try of their own but they squandered a few more chances with the final passes knocked on.

At half-time, changes were made and the Ath started the second half strongly, getting two quick converted tries to extend their lead.

A few unforced errors allowed Pontrhydyfen back into the game, but the Ath, who never really got above second gear on the day, were very pleased to get a 40-26 win and progress to the next round of the Ospreys Cup.

**AB**

# On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**BRIDGEND'S Connor Brace, (17), had plenty to smile about at Wetherby last Friday, November 2, as he rode his first ever double under Rules when taking the opening and closing races.**

Connor, who used to play mini and junior rugby at Kenfig Hill Rugby Club, won the Conditional Jockeys Novices' Handicap Hurdle on the Fergal O'Brien-trained *Ballyhome* and the Enjoy The Jumps On Racing UK Novices' Hurdle on Ben Pauling's *Skidoosh*.

Ballyhome went off the 6-4 favourite and won by eight lengths from *Northern Gal* and a 4-1 chance, scored by one-and-a-quarter lengths from *He's A Goer*, ridden by the champion jockey Richard Johnson.

They were Connor's only two rides at the meeting and the former point-to-point rider, who last season won the National Novice Riders' Championship, as well as several other awards, rode 21 winners between-the flags for his grandfather David Brace of the Dunraven Stud, Pyle, Bridgend.

A former pupil of St Clares Independent School in Porthcawl, Connor passed all 10 of his GCSEs and claims this was only because his mother wouldn't allow him to go racing if he hadn't done well in his exams.

Connor, who is attached to Fergal O'Brien's Gloucestershire yard, won his first pony race at the age of 11 and rode a total of 47 winners at pony races held at point-to-points all over the country.

He says his most exciting racing moment was winning his first race under Rules on *Robin Des People* at Stratford when he beat his pal, Welsh champion point-to-point rider Bradley Gibbs.

We will certainly be hearing a lot more of Connor, who is a great admirer of legendary jockeys A P McCoy and Davy Russell, so watch this space!

**CHARLIE JUST MISSED OUT**

**Charlie Price (21), an amateur rider based at Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard in the Vale who rode Vaughan's mare *Midnight Queen* to success at the Torrington Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point at Umberleigh, which saw the end of the hunt-racing season in June, is equally at home when riding on the flat.**

As on the recently finished Arabian Horse Racing circuit, Charlie just missed out on becoming champion jockey as he rode nine winners compared to the 10 partnered by Will Petts.

Charlie even had the legendary Arabian Horse racing jockey Simon Walker behind him in third place on the eight winners mark.

A few years ago, Charlie teamed up with Wales' leading Arabian Horse Racing trainer Delyth Thomas of Kenfig Hill and at the Royal Cavalry of Oman's Arabian Horse Race at Wolverhampton in June, he rode a brilliant treble on *Al Muthana* and *Al Monther* for HH Sheikh Hamdam and trainer Phil Collington, and on Thomas' 16-year-old *Noble Athlete* he took the Happy Ninth Birthday Handicap Stakes over six furlongs.

On that occasion, *Noble Athlete* was chalking up his 17th victory and has won over distances from six furlongs to one mile and two furlongs at racecourses throughout the land such as Hereford, Taunton, Newbury and Ffos Las.

**TIM'S CARLISLE WINNER**

**'Have horses, will travel' is the motto of Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.**

At far flung Carlisle on Sunday, November 4, his seven-year-old *LooksnowtlikeBrian*, a winner of its only race this season, landed the £15,640 Cumberland Handicap Chase when coming home 10 lengths ahead of *Bako De La Saulaie*.

The 4-1 favourite in a field of 12 runners, *LooksnowtlikeBrian* was ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson.

Tim's hopes of an across the card double at Huntingdon were dashed when his *Sad Eyed Dylan* was beaten by two lengths by the favourite *Darebin*.

*Sad Eyed Dylan*, who was partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns from west Wales, has now finished in the runner-up spot in his last three races.

Two Welsh riders who both rode winners at the meeting were the brothers Sean and James Bowen-Sean took the Juvenile Hurdle on the Dr Newland-trained *Katpoli* and James the Novices' Hurdle on Nicky Henderson's *Full Bore*.

The former won by six lengths from the oddly-named *Oi The Clubb Oi's* and the latter scored by two lengths from *Espoir De Loire* and both started favourites.

**TIM'S HEREFORD WINNER**

***Tight Call*, trained by the Vale's Tim Vaughan, won the closing Cotswold Mini Hereford 'National Hunt' Auction Maiden Hurdle at Hereford on Monday, November 5.**

Ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, *Tight Call*, the odds-on favourite had only two horses to beat and made all the running to score by 10 lengths from *Milldean Silva*.

Earlier in the afternoon, Johnson had scored on *Roll The Dough* while at Plumpton, Evan Williams' stable jockey Adam Wedge won on Ali Stronge's *Zoffany Bay*.

# Cowbridge Darts League round-up

**ON Tuesday, October 30, a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.**

In the league, the Edmondes B beat the Victoria Inn 6-3. This was a match of high-quality darts with Jake Edwards (Victoria Inn), the league's youngest player, scoring 100, while Iain Jones (Victoria Inn) won legs in 11 and 12 darts, Martin Thomas (Edmondes B) won a leg in 12 darts and Dai Thomas (Edmondes B) won a leg in 11 darts.

Second-placed Highwayman Inn beat the Edmondes C 7-2 and so closed the gap on the Edmondes B. The Farmers Arms beat the Llanharry 5-4, despite the fact that both brothers Lee and Jon Davies (Llanharry), hit a 180.

The Hairy Farmers beat the Red Lion Inn 7-2. Joan Burt (Red Lion Inn) hit a 75 two-dart out (25 and bull), the highest ladies out so far this season.

In the other match, the Edmondes A beat the One Town Hall Square 7-2.

Present league standings after six weeks, are: Edmondes B (44 points), Highwayman Inn (40), Edmondes A and Llanharry (24), Farmers Arms and Hairy Farmers (22), Victoria Inn (19), One Town Hall Square and Edmondes C (8) and Red Lion Inn (5).

Next week on November 13, there is another full programme of fixtures. The Edmondes B hosts the Edmondes C, the Farmers Arms hosts the Hairy Farmers, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Edmondes A, the Red Lion Inn hosts the One Town Hall Square and the Victoria Inn hosts Llanharry.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information, email Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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## *ALL EYES NOW TURN TO AUSTRALIA - ARE THEY THERE FOR THE TAKING?*

# A good start to autumn for Wales as rugby pays tribute to a remarkable man

**by PHILIP IRWIN**

**REMEMBER when strength in depth was the Holy Grail of Welsh rugby?**

It was there in the background when we had a competitive team, and then became a full grown curse when we were short of star names.

New Zealand and England have always had strength in depth, while in recent years Ireland have organised their affairs so well that they have it too.

However, when you add up the Welsh names who were missing from the encounter with Scotland – either injured, rested or red taped – it is pretty clear that Warren Gatland does now have a strong pool of players from which to choose.

The autumn internationals have become a testing ground for players who are forcing themselves into the mix, but it does affect the crowd, who hold back a bit emotionally, more intent on assessing the new players than on cheering Wales on. It makes for a slightly odd situation, because the players are not holding back at all – there were some crunching collisions – but the atmosphere was muted.

The Wales coach had urged his team to 'play smart' and there was a sense – for almost the entire game – that Wales were in control, but in the end the match never caught fire.

It took Wales maybe 15 minutes to form the view that this Scotland team lacked a cutting edge, and so they were content to play a territorial game. Watch Wales in any pub these days and you can guarantee that two or three fans will get angrier and angrier every time Gareth Davies sets himself to launch another box kick.

They must have been apoplectic on Saturday.

The fact that Warren Gatland keeps picking him suggests that the Welsh coaching team are happy with the tactic, but the anger heads inexorably in Davies' direction, despite his excellent running when Wales do cut loose.

Normally Wales retrieve a fair percentage of possession from these box kicks, but on Saturday Scotland took the lion's share, but struggled to do much with it.

Perhaps Scotland were deflated by having the better of the first 10 minutes, only to be 6-0 down. In the first minute, their promising new star Adam Hastings had a chance to put a penalty kick well into the Welsh half but missed touch.

A bit of kicking tennis followed, which Wales won, and Scotland gave away a penalty on the 40-metre line. Leigh Halfpenny stepped up to score.

From the Scotland point of view, worse followed two minutes later when centre Alex Dunbar managed to stand up Hadleigh Parkes and then take him on the outside. He made ground and was tackled on the 25, but the attack continued until Hastings (probably) kicked ahead when he should have passed and Halfpenny was able to touch down for a 22 drop out.

From the restart, Scotland were penalised and Anscombe demonstrated exactly what to do with a penalty, finding a long touch to put Wales in the Scotland 25. Wales attacked from the lineout and Scotland were penalised, giving Anscombe a free play which he used cleverly, chipping to the corner for George North to gather and touch down. However, the initial impression that North's right foot had slipped over the touch line was confirmed by the TMO.

It was back for the penalty, another Halfpenny success and 6-0 to Wales.

At this stage, the penalty count was accelerating against Scotland, as they desperately tried to stem the Welsh attacks, and on 20 minutes, a Ross Moriarty charge led to a third penalty, again converted by Halfpenny.

However, Scotland did get some encouragement when on 25 minutes, the first scrum of the game resulted in a penalty against Wales. Hastings, his early nerves gone now, split the posts and it was 9-3 to Wales.

While Scotland were lacking a cutting edge, it was pretty clear that Wales had one and George North, who is looking back to his best, proved that on 29 minutes when he left the right wing and went looking for work elsewhere, appearing in the centre, spotting a gap and shrugging off two despairing Scottish tackles. Halfpenny's conversion from wide out was two feet wide of the mark – his only miss of the day.

As half time approached, however, the penalty count started to even out and from one of these, Hastings put the ball close to the Welsh line. Wales defended Scotland's driving maul well – except for this occasion, when something went wrong and the Scotland hooker, Stuart McInally, emerged in the clear and went over. Hastings converted and suddenly it was 14–10.

Half time came and it became clear that Wales' new wing, Shane Williams-ish Luke Morgan, had not touched the ball. He and his opposite number Tommy Seymour had been in quarantine for the whole time, with the ball refusing to head in their direction. Seymour's contribution amounted to one excellent catch of a Wales high kick, but that was it.

On the opposite wing, North and Leigh Jones had both made several sniping runs but sometimes rugby simply isn't fair. It didn't get any better for the lonely wings in the second half.

The second half took a while to get going, but when it did, after seven minutes, it was spectacular. There is something very reassuring about seeing a side score straight from a set piece. It's good to know that you don't have to sit through a dozen static phases.

Wales won a line out and the ball was out quickly to Parkes, who passed to Anscombe on the run around, and the outside half drew his man and slipped the ball with perfect timing to Jonathan Davies, who was at full speed.

A trademark hand-off and the fit-again Scarlet was in the clear, with a despairing Scottish cover trying to get to him. In fact, it's possible that the only Welsh person in the stadium hoping that the cover would cut him off was Luke Morgan on the wing, well positioned for a scoring pass that didn't come!

Halfpenny converted to make it 21-10 and that was the last of the scoring. Scotland monopolised possession but couldn't find that elusive cutting edge, while Wales made it difficult for themselves – particularly when replacement hooker Elliot Dee picked up a yellow card shortly after coming on.

He might have made it worse by arguing with referee Mathieu Raynal, but Alun Wynn Jones was quickly on the scene to tell him to keep quiet. As a result, Dan Lydiate, who had an excellent game, had to retire to the bench so that the front row could get back to full strength with the return of Ken Owens.

To say that the Scarlets hooker was not happy about having to return is an understatement, and his first words were for his fellow forwards who, he clearly felt, had taken their foot off the gas.

Before Dee's departure the Welsh defence had had a lucky escape when Scotland lock Jonny Gray was nearly over, but gave away a penalty by attempting a double movement. A touch of patience could well have seen Scotland score, and the cameras turned to Scotland coach Gregor Townsend, whose face became grimmer and grimmer as the game wore on.

The expansive game that Scotland have been working towards was just not happening.

So, that yellow card meant that Wales had to play almost the last 10 minutes with seven forwards, which is a good way of testing your defence – but just how much of a test were this Scotland side?

For Scotland, the brothers George Horne (scrum half) and Peter (centre) came on and they almost scored, with George manufacturing a neat chip through, only for the ball to slip through Peter's fingers.

For Wales, Tomos Williams came on at scrum half and looked sharp. Quick witted too when he picked up a spilled Scottish ball and instantly noted that Anscombe and Morgan were advancing at top speed. His kick ahead made the two dead certs to reach it first, and there would have been time for Anscombe to step aside and let Luke Morgan finally get the ball in an attacking position.

Sadly, it veered off line at the last minute and rolled into touch.

That was the last significant action and a Welsh score at that point would have flattered them, as the possession stats were way in Scotland's favour.

There was just time for a flood of last minute substitutions. These always strike me as pointless, but at least this time there was a joke there – at poor Luke Morgan's expense. No sooner had Steff Evans come on – in the last minute – than the ball was suddenly available and he took a pass in a little bit of space. Not enough to race clear, but at least with a chance to beat a man!

So, it was a result that puts Wales in good shape for the upcoming game against Australia.

In the back row, Lydiate, Moriarty and Tipuric all did what they do so well – and Tipuric was made man of the match.

There were very few scrums in the match, but at one point the Welsh seven-man scrum outsmarted an attacking Scotland scrum to win an important penalty. Alun Wynn Jones, thank goodness, is still Alun Wynn Jones.

In the backs, Anscombe varied his game well and can only have enhanced his reputation, and it was good to see George North back to his sharpest. An added bonus is that Jonathan Davies is making a very rapid recovery after such a long period out.

However, it would be massively remiss of me to ignore the man who dominated the match.

Doddie Weir was always a man who played the game with a smile on his face.

He was someone who gave the clear impression that there was more to life than rugby.

That it was only a game.

His attitude and demeanour since the terrible diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease has been remarkable, and the decision to play the game to raise awareness and funds for research into the condition was something that Wales and Scotland can be proud of.

The Doddie Weir Cup will be a lasting legacy to a truly remarkable man.

*Dennis Gethin and Doddie Weir.*
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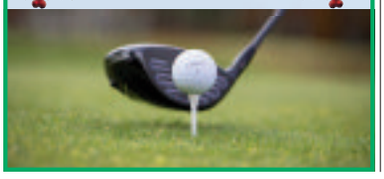
*George North is denied a try as his foot touches the line.*

*Gareth Anscombe varied his game well.*

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